

## **Census Results for Woking**

# Local Committee for Woking 12 June 2003

### **KEY ISSUE:**

The findings of the latest census are now available at Woking-wide level and should shortly be available at ward and enumeration district level. Services for Woking need to take the latest demographic information into account.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The attached extracts from the Office of National Statistics, based on the 2001 census, show that :

- the average age in Woking is very slightly younger than the national average
- Woking has a slightly higher percentage of Asians and "Chinese or other" residents than the national average, but a much lower percentage of Black residents
- there are slightly fewer one-person households and lone-parent households in Woking than the national average
- the percentages of residents who are in poor health, disabled, or who provide unpaid care to people who are ill or elderly, are all lower than the national average
- the percentage of residents who are unemployed is significantly lower than the national average, and the percentage of people who are retired is slightly lower
- housing costs are much higher

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to

- a) receive the report
- b) identify demographic information relevant to Surrey County Council's services in Woking which they would like officers to report in detail to the Local Committee when the census findings at ward and/or enumeration level are available.

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