

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 16 September 2014

Subject: Amendments to Terms and Reference for Planning Scrutiny Panel

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Committee support the amendments to the Planning Scrutiny Panel's Terms of Reference.

Report:

At the Planning Services Scrutiny Panel on 8 July 2014 Members reviewed their Terms of Reference and Work Programme.

The attached appendices show the amendments made which are also summarised below:

Terms of Reference

Item 1 (b) Benchmarking of Services (**Remove from Terms of Reference**)

The Panel felt that benchmarking referred to an earlier period in the Panel's history.

Item 2 Consider and review Business Processes, Value for Money and Staffing arrangements for the Directorate focusing on (**Remove from Terms of Reference**):

- (a) Development Control, Appeals and Enforcement.
- (b) Forward Planning, Economic Development, Conservation, Trees and Landscape.
- (c) Building Control and Planning Support Team (Remove)

The Panel felt that this should be removed with a proviso that Value for Money could be discussed.

The Panel requested these extra items for its Terms of Reference:

- (i) Response to planning related consultations;
- (ii) Receiving feedback from Chair and Vice Chair of Development Control meetings; and
- (iii) Business Plans Review of Development Control within Directorate of Governance and Forward Planning within Directorate of Neighbourhoods