

**Request by Member for Scrutiny Review  
2014/15 Work Programme**



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

<b>Proposers Name:</b>	<b>Date of Request</b>
<b>Councillor Brian Sandler</b>	<b>04 July 2014</b>
<b>Supporting Councillors (if any):</b>	
<b>Councillor J Knapman</b>	
<b>Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:</b>	
<p>I would like the following reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p> <p>(i) The operation of the speaking arrangements and deadlines for submission of material for the Planning subcommittees as currently contained within the rules for participation on planning matters to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Classes and types of speakers, duration and registration arrangements and deadlines;</li> <li>(b) The extent of Chairman's discretion on such matters;</li> <li>(c) Procedure for other submissions and photographic material;</li> </ul> <p>(ii) The terms of reference of the Planning subcommittees and District Development Control Committee to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) definitions of applications of major importance;</li> <li>(b) clarification of the mechanism for referrals from Planning Subcommittees</li> <li>(c) the role of the Leader as currently defined in the DDCC's terms of reference.</li> <li>(d) How the Council's own applications are dealt with.</li> </ul>	
<b>NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Public Interest Justification:</b>	
<p>The operation of the Planning function has been subject to complaint from the public. Given that it is some years since the arrangements were put in place, a review is timely.</p>	

**Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:**

Applications for planning consent can have both positive and negative impact upon the well-being of the District. It is important the procedures for deciding on applications are consistent and fair.

**Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):**

The Council has over 40 planning Committee meetings a year and performance against targets is good. However, complaints have been made in relation to the operation of planning committees over time.

**Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)**

None known

**Office Use:**

**Pick score:**

**Considered By OSCC:**