

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

PLANNING POLICY TASK GROUP

REVISED WORDINGS IN RESPONSE TO CABINET INTERIM RESPONSE

Recommendation 1

That a mechanism be put in place to ensure that:

- (a) where conditions have been attached to a planning application and monitoring is required then the Planning and Enforcement team should allow for this to be discharged fully to the required level of detail that the condition(s) specify within their work. This should be carried out, irrespective of the cost, to ensure that the conditions are met and where appropriate, enforced.

(N.B. The lack of resources to enforce a condition on a planning application would not be sufficient to either refuse the application or to not include the condition if it was deemed a necessary part of the planning permission. It may be prudent to estimate the cost of monitoring or enforcement before a decision on an application is made, in order that a decision as to who meets that cost can be determined and to ensure that any monitoring is carried out effectively.)

Recommendation 3

It is recognised that on occasion there will be need for some form of community engagement for example a public meeting(s). This will act as a forum to improve lines of communication and is to be developed between senior officers and residents in respect of larger more complex planning applications. This would be a recommendation from the Planning Committee and reviewed periodically by that Committee.

Recommendation 6

That a mechanism be put in place to ensure that enforcement cases are recorded and regularly up dated with a audit trail of actions and documents and correspondence on the electronic system accessible via the Council's 'Orb'.

Planning Policy Task Group Members
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