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**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD – PLANNING POLICY TASK GROUP**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service for Overview and Scrutiny	Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	All Ward Councillors were invited to join the Task Group
Non-Key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with a response to its Interim Response in respect of Recommendations 1(a), 3 and 6 of the Overview and Scrutiny Board’s Planning Policy Task Group Report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to:
- (a) consider the attached Overview and Scrutiny Board’s response (Appendix 1) and the amended recommendations contained within it;
  - (b) to either agree, amend or reject Recommendations 1(a), 3 and 6;
  - (c) provide an Executive Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Board Planning Policy Task Group report and recommendations, which may include an Action Plan to summarise how and when each of the agreed recommendations will be implemented.
  - (d) request the relevant Portfolio Holder in consultation with appropriate officers to indicate the expected implementation dates, as appropriate.

**3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 Following a request from full Council, at the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 27th September 2011 it was agreed that a Task Group would be established to investigate the Council’s Planning and Enforcement Policies. Full details of the Task Group’s terms of reference and investigations are detailed in the attached report.
- 3.2 The report and recommendations were agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 26th March 2012 and referred to Cabinet for consideration.

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**Financial Implications**

- 3.3 The estimated Financial and Resource implications of the recommendations are detailed in the Summary of Recommendations of the Planning Policy Task Group report provided to Cabinet on 4th April 2012.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.4 These were detailed within the full report received by Cabinet on 4th April 2012.

**Service/Operation Implications**

- 3.5 Overview and scrutiny is a key part of the Council's democratic decision making process and enables non-executive Members of the Council to put forward recommendations for policy development, policy review and service improvement.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.6 N/A

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 N/A

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Planning Policy Task Group's Response to the Cabinet's Interim Response.

Appendix 2 – Cabinet Interim Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group Planning Policy Report

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Planning Policy Task Group Report

**7. KEY**

None

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