

**SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL**

Relevant Portfolio Holder (for Overview & Scrutiny)	Cllr Geoff Denaro
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service for Overview and Scrutiny	Claire Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services
Wards Affected	All wards
Ward Councillor Consulted	No – not at this stage
Non-Key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

- 1.1 An Overview and Scrutiny Topic Proposal Form relating to the impact of the Whitford Road planning appeal decision; including impact on the emerging Local Plan, soundness of previous planning decisions and confidence in WCC Highways, has been submitted by Councillor Steve Colella is submitted for consideration by the Board.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Board considers the completed proposal form (at Appendix 1) and agrees to one of the following:
- (a) that further information be requested from a relevant source before deciding whether or not further investigation is required;
  - (b) that the topic is included on the work programme for further investigation at a future date;
  - (c) that the topic is included on the work programme and a Task Group is established to undertake a more in-depth investigation, with the appointment of a Chairman for the Task Group and a time scale for completion of the investigation to be agreed;
  - (d) A Short Sharp Review be carried out by either the Board as a whole or a small number of Members who have a particular interest in the topic; or
  - (e) take no further action.

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

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**Legal Implications**

- 3.2 There are no legal implications directly relating to this report, however, if the proposal is accepted, any implications would be considered as part of the subsequent investigation undertaken.

**Service/Operation Implications**

- 3.3 An Overview and Scrutiny Topic Proposal Form relating to the impact of the Whitford Road planning appeal decision; including impact on the emerging Local Plan, soundness of previous planning decisions and confidence in WCC Highways, has been completed by Councillor Steve Colella.
- 3.4 If the Board decides that it does wish to investigate this topic further, it then needs to agree whether it is appropriate for the Board itself to undertake the investigation, by carrying out a short sharp review or whether a more in-depth investigation is required and a task group established.
- 3.5 The Board may wish to request further information on the topic from a relevant source to assist Members in deciding whether an investigation is required.
- 3.6 Alternatively, the Board could decide that it is not a topic it wishes to investigate, in which case no further action would be required.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.7 N/A

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 N/A

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Proposal Form

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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