



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TOPIC PROPOSAL

This form can be used for either a Task Group or a Short Sharp Review topic proposal.

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Title of Proposed Topic (including specific subject areas to be investigate)	The role of partners in the Development Control and Strategic Planning Process.
Background to the Proposal (Including reasons why this topic should be investigated and evidence to support the need for the investigation.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Control is in Designation which relates to performance in the time taken to process planning applications. • To gain a better understanding of the planning application and appeals process and the knock on effect that decisions and advice from partners can have on the work and reputation of the Council; the impact of decisions on the emerging Local Development Plan. • Build Confidence in the Strategic Planning and Development Control functions. • The impact of decisions on the infrastructure of an area.
Links to national, regional and local priorities (including the Council's strategic purposes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting CLG Requirements (Development Control are currently in designation). • Help me find somewhere to live in my locality • Help me run a successful business • Keep my place safe and looking good.
Possible Key Objectives (these should be SMART –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Partners are providing appropriate, accurate and timely comments on applications to ensure that informed decisions are reached

specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely)	by officers and Members in their role on the Planning Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To gain a better understanding of the roles of partners in the planning application process and the impact of the advice given. • A better understanding of the Planning Inspectorate's Appeal process and the impact of decisions which are made. 			
Anticipated Timescale for completion of the work.	6 months			
Would it be appropriate to hold a Short Sharp Inquiry or a Task Group? (please tick relevant box)	Task Group	√	Short Sharp Inquiry	

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Evidence	
Key documents, data, reports	
Possible Site Visits	
Is a general press release required asking for general comments/suggestions from the public?	
Is a period of public consultation required?	
Witnesses	
Officers	
Councillors (including Portfolio Holder)	
Any External Witnesses	