

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

31st October 2016

SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
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 The Overview and Scrutiny Board are requested to investigate the Planning delegations within the Council's Constitution. This follows a notice of motion put forward by Councillor P. M. McDonald at the Council meeting held on 21st September 2016, as follows:

“We call upon the Council to create a Working Party to review Delegated Powers in relation to Planning matters.”

Following discussion at the Council meeting it was agreed that the item would be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for further consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Board considers the request and agrees to one of the following:
- (a) that the request is included on the work programme and the Board undertakes the investigation, discuss broad terms of reference and sets a time scale for completion of the investigation; OR
 - (b) that the request is included on the work programme and a Task Group is established to undertake a more in-depth investigation, appoint a Chairman for the Task Group and set a time scale for completion of the investigation; OR
 - (c) that further information be requested from a relevant source before deciding whether or not further investigation is required; OR
 - (d) decide to 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.

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 A request from full Council has been made to review the Planning delegations following a notice of motion.
- 3.4 If the Board decides that it does wish to investigate this topic further, it then needs to decide whether it is appropriate for the Board itself to undertake the investigation or whether a more in-depth investigation is required and a task group established.
- 3.5 Another option is for the Board to request further information on the topic from a relevant source to assist Members to decide 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

Minute Extract from the Council meeting held on 21st September 2016.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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7. **KEY**

None

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