

# APPENDIX 3

## Summary of comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding consideration of the PAS Report (meeting date 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026)

- The need for joint Officer-Member behavioural, culture, trust and relationship building training (external trainer was suggested).
- Possible Officer training required for complex subjects i.e. grey belt areas.
- The suggested recommendation *to continue active Senior Leadership support* - should include all Officers and Members, who could provide influence.
- Cross party working groups should include a chair but not include the portfolio holder, to encourage neutrality.
- Why it had taken so long for a PAS report review when individual issues had been raised by Members for some time?
- Urgency of progressing the Local Plan due to speculative applications.
- How would the recommendations be progressed and when would the action plan be published to ensure accountability, transparency, and mitigate risks?
- Clearer communication on enforcement performance.
- What solutions are being put in place for resource and staffing capacity issues? (Members have experienced difficulties contacting Planning Officers).
- Why there was a breakdown in relations with WCC and when would a Memo of Understanding (MOU) be in place for transport planning support?
- Concerns about historic delays and political management.
- A requirement for consistent updates and improved engagement mechanisms.
- What was a realistic timescale for the Council to consider the adoption of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?
- Frustrations with past working groups not working collaboratively, inconsistent Member attendance and numerous recommendations had been suggested but not carried through.
- Stream retention and transparency for public confidence was agreed as a recommendation.