

Supplementary Committee Agenda



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 8th November, 2007

Place: Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.30 pm

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7. TERMS OF REFERENCE - PROVISION OF VALUE FOR MONEY IN PLANNING SERVICES TASK AND FINISH PANEL (Pages 3 - 4)

Recommendation:

To endorse the Terms of Reference for the Provision of Value for Money in Planning Services Task and Finish Panel.

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Revised Terms of Reference

To consider in detail the provision of Value for Money within the following Planning Services focusing specifically on:

- Development Control (including Appeals)
- Forward Planning
- Building Control
- Enforcement
- Administration and Customer Support
- Economic Development
- Environment Team

To gather evidence and information in relation to these functions through the receipt of:

- performance monitoring documents,
- Best Value Review of Planning Services (updated version)
- benchmarking exercises,
- consultation with Planning Committee Members, customers and IT Suppliers.

To identify problems, possible solutions, barriers to success;

To review the measures introduced since 2004 to improve performance within Development Control namely the success of

- the 'Hit Squad',
- the Service restructure,
- the new IT system
- the application of the Planning Delivery Grant.

To consider whether the reporting arrangements for all of the above matters and those for the Section 106s, appeals are sufficient and recommendation accordingly.

To evaluate all relevant facts in relation to the topics under review in an objective way and to produce recommendations for future action accordingly;

To establish whether there are any resource implications arising out of the topics under review and advise Cabinet for inclusion in the Budget Process 2008/09;

To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at appropriate intervals and to submit a final report by March 2008.

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