

Planning Services Standing Panel

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) (i) New Local Development Scheme and East of England Plan – EFDC Response to Final Version (ii) To consider matters that arise through the East of England Plan (iii) In association with the above, to keep an overview of work associated with securing a sound New Local Development Framework	Next report at the March 2009 meeting	(i) Final version of the East of England plan incomplete. Awaiting the results of a legal challenge and the results from the gypsy/traveller consultation. (ii) To receive a progress report at each meeting. (iii) LDF timeline to be presented.	15th July 2008 9th September 18th November 6th January 2009 12th February 2009 12 th March 2009
(2) (i) Re use of buildings in the Green Belt/Traffic Issues in the Roydon and Nazeing Areas. (ii) To keep an overview on transport matters that were the subject of a focus day in Nazeing in March 2007, and the action plan.	March/April 2009	On going – VOSA attended meeting of the old Environment and Planning Standing Panel on 28 Feb 2008. Awaiting Essex C.C. transport freight strategy for the Nazeing area. A review of the action plan will come forward at the March/April 2009 meeting.	

<p>(3) To consider the provision of Value for Money within the following Planning Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Control (including Appeals) • Forward Planning • Building Control • Enforcement • Administration and Customer Support • Economic Development • Environment Team 	<p>Completed (Subject to annual review in August 2009) November 2008</p> <p>February 2009</p> <p>Review – Scoping Report due March 09.</p> <p>To be discussed at June meeting</p>	<p>The timetable of review was agreed at the September meeting of the Panel.</p> <p>To be re-scheduled.</p> <p>To include response to Economic Downturn.</p>	
<p>(4) Consultation with Residents and Amenity Groups</p> <p>Direct consultation</p>	<p>To be completed in time for August 2009 review.</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>	<p>Completed June 2008</p>	

<p>(5) To consider in detail the provision of Value For Money within the Development Control (Planning Services) function, focusing specifically on:</p> <p>(a) The success of the 'hit squad' established to focus on the backlog of planning applications;</p> <p>(b) How and to what extent performance in relation to the determination of planning applications has improved as a result of the 'hit squad' and other additional resources such as the new integrated computer system, the restructure of Planning Services and the application of Planning Delivery Grant; and</p> <p>(c) How unit cost and other benchmarking information in relation to the Development Control function can be obtained to increase the effectiveness of the Value For Money Analysis for 2006/07 and future years.</p>	<p>Completed report to November 2008 OSC meeting</p>	<p>COMPLETED</p>	
<p>(6) Update on current staffing situation</p>	<p>Regular agenda item. Next update to March 09 Panel.</p>		

(7) Improvement Plan	Detailed Review at March meeting		
(8) Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Area Planning Cttees to be invited to a meeting to provide feedback.	Feedback at march 09 meeting	As an agenda item for the Development Control Chairmen & Vice Chairmen 26 February 2009	
(9) IT Presentation	February 2009	Completed	
(10) Update on Gypsy and Traveller Consultation	March 2009		
(11) Report from legal on performance at planning appeals	18 June 2009 meeting		
(12) Scrutiny Review Request – Councillor Mrs A Cooper (i) Report response back to OSC (ii) Seek to develop these into a FAQ for members	To April OSC Timescale – To be confirmed		
(13) Review of Planning Protocol	Feb 09	Completed	