

**Report to: Planning Services Scrutiny  
Standing Panel**

**Date of meeting: 12 March 2009**

**Subject: Improvement Plan**

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**Recommendation/Decisions Required:**

**To consider and comment on the proposed Planning and Economic Development Directorate Improvement Plan**

**Report:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6 November 2008 had agreed that the Planning and Economic Directorate would produce an Improvement Plan for the next eighteen months.

The Panel's investigations had shown that there had already been significant change within Planning over the last few years. However, there is scope for further change and improvement.

Attached is an updated draft of a previous version of the Improvement Plan put before this Panel in November 2008. The Plan is based on that used for other exercises, such as the Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The Plan seeks to identify 13 areas of potential improvement with indicative timescale and resources required which is based on feedback on current performance.

The Panel's continued input into the content and scope of the plan is sought.