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	Regular updating reports	 (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. 	18 th June 2009 8 th September 10 th November 5 th January 2010 11 th February 27 th March		
 (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. 		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.			

 (3) To consider the provision of Value for Money within the following Planning Services: a) Development Control (including Appeals) b) Forward Planning c) Building Control 	a) VFM Completed (Subject to annual review in August 2009) b) January 2009 This has had to wait because of staff shortages & work on Gypsy & Traveller issues. c) Deferred to Sept 09.	a) VFM Task and Finish report went to September meeting and the November O&S Cttee meeting where it was endorsed.	
 d) Enforcement e) Administration and Customer Support f) Economic Development g) Environment Team 	f) Discussed at June meeting	f) To include response to Economic Downturn.	
(4) Update on current staffing situation	Regular agenda item.		
(5) Improvement Plan	Regular agenda item.		
(6) Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Area Planning Cttees. to be invited to a meeting to provide feedback.		Considered at the March 09 meeting. The next meeting is due in September 2009.	

(7) Update on Gypsy and Traveller Consultation	Regular agenda item.	Update to every meeting.	
(8) Report from legal on performance at Planning appeals.	June 2009		
(9) Comments from the planning agents and amenity groups required matching.			
(10) That a report be produced setting out the benefits of creating an additional Senior Officer post, replacing the Compliance Officer post with reference to outcomes, options for funding the new post with consideration given to alternative options for securing the same benefits	Considered at June 2009 meeting.	Deferred to later meeting.	
(11) That a report be produced for the Panel setting out the possible route any planning enforcement investigation could take	Considered at June 2009 meeting.	Deferred to September 2009 with financial implications.	