

Planning Services Standing Panel (Chairman – Cllr J Philip)

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) (a) Regional Plan (b) Local Development Framework (c) Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan Document (d) Current Staffing (e) Improvement Plan	Regular updating reports	Final version of the East of England Plan to 2021 complete. Report on new LDF Scheme & implications for S106 agreements, new draft policy required. LDF timeline to be presented. Essex County Council Consultation – Minerals Development Document Site Allocations Issues and Options Paper. EERA Consultation – 2031 Scenarios for Housing & Economic Growth.	3 June 2010 2 September 2 December; and 3 March 2011

<p>(2) Value for Money Provision:</p> <p>(a) Administration & Customer Support</p> <p>(b) Building Control</p> <p>(c) Development Control (including Appeals)</p> <p>(d) Economic Development</p> <p>(e) Enforcement</p> <p>(f) Environment Team</p> <p>(g) Forward Planning</p> <p>(h) Performance</p>	<p>Report at Panel – Sept 09</p> <p>Report at Panel – June 2009 Report considered in June 2009 now revised version for January 2010</p> <p>Report at Panel – June 2009 with revised reports later</p>	<p>VFM Task and Finish report went to September 08 meeting and the November 08 O&S Cttee meeting where it was endorsed.</p> <p>Report regarding sharing services with Harlow & Uttlesford – due to be submitted in December 2010.</p> <p>To include response to Economic Downturn. Revised report on enforcement process for January 2010 (See Item 7) Timescale on flowchart</p>	
<p>(3) Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Area Planning Cttees to be invited to a meeting to provide feedback.</p>		<p>A meeting of the Chairmen & Vice Chairmen of Planning Sub-Committees, District Development Control Committee and Planning Portfolio Holders took place on 2 August 2010. Results will be fed back to Panel on 6 monthly cycle.</p>	

(4) Report from Legal on performance at Planning Appeals	June 2009	Separate meeting to be arranged involving Chairman of Panel, Director of Planning & Legal officers on yearly cycle.	
(5) Comments from the planning agents and amenity groups required matching		New meetings with planning agents and amenity groups can be organised separately or together.	
(6) That a report be produced for the Panel setting out the possible route any planning enforcement investigation could take.		A further report was required with financial implications.	
(7) Review the Corporate Planning protocol with respect to dealing with applicants, agents, developers and the local business community to ensure that the highest standards of probity and governance are achieved.	February 2010 meeting		
(8) To review a selection of controversial planning decisions to see if lessons can be learnt from their consideration.	On agenda for 2 September 2010 Panel meeting.	This item has been extracted from the Terms of Reference of the Provision for Value for Money within Planning Services Task and Finish Panel and the current Panel.	
(9) To consider whether the reporting arrangements for Terms of Reference sections and those from the Section 106s (including how they are negotiated agreed and implemented strategically to secure community benefit), and appeals are sufficient (including how new legislation impacts on these) and recommend accordingly		This item has been extracted from the Terms of Reference of the Provision for Value for Money within Planning Services Task and Finish Panel and the current Panel.	

(10) Best Value Review	Received update in February 2010		
(11) Planning conditions controlling damage to highways infrastructure	December 2010	Referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – March 2010.	
(12) Contributions to affordable housing	New Item		
(13) Arrange visit to other planning authorities to learn from their work.	New Item		
(14) Countrycare	New Item – Submitted to 2 September 2010 meeting.	Future structure following the departure of Paul Hewitt.	