

**Report to Finance and Performance
Management Standing Panel
Date of meeting: 8 November 2005**

Portfolio: Finance and Performance Management

Subject: Planning And Economic Development –
Performance 2005/06

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Recommendation:

That the Scrutiny Panel review the current performance of services within the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio.

1. At its first meeting, the Scrutiny Panel agreed that as part of the monitoring of Key Performance Indicators, Portfolio Holders and Heads of Service should be invited to attend future meetings as appropriate in order to discuss the current performance of specific services.
2. Members initially requested an opportunity to consider planning performance and Councillor R. Glozier (Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder) and J. Preston (Head of Planning and Economic Development) will therefore be attending this meeting. The Scrutiny Panel has previously agreed that issues to be raised with Councillor Glozier and Mr. Preston should cover the following areas:
 - (a) Planning enforcement, with particular reference to numbers of cases outstanding;
 - (b) Progress against Development Control targets following the recent approval of a supplementary estimate and the award of Planning Delivery Grant; and
 - (c) The rationale behind the proposed service restructure.
3. The Panel is also requested to consider whether it wishes to invite other Portfolio Holders and Heads of Service to attend future meetings.