

Title: Planning Services

Status: Standing Panel

Terms of Reference:

Implications of the new Planning Portfolio. I am not clear how the reporting lines and responsibilities should change with the introduction of a Planning Portfolio Holder. The relationship may be with the Director of Planning and the Portfolio Holder and the Panel just continues with a few added words of reference. I've cross referenced the page titled " Planning Services Standing Panel (Chairman – Cllr H Ulkan)"

1. To consider the Value for Money and Performance of the following Planning Services
 - a) Administration and Customer Support
 - b) Building Control
 - c) Development Control (including Appeals)
 - d) Economic Development
 - e) Enforcement
 - f) Environment
 - g) Forward Planning
2. To gather evidence and information in support of the performance of these functions through the receipt of:
 - a. Performance monitoring,
 - b. Best Value Review of Planning Services
 - c. Benchmarking exercises,
 - d. Consultation with Planning Committee Members, customers and IT Suppliers.
3. To receive reports and review at each meeting changes or developments to
 - (a) The Regional Plan
 - (b) Local Development Framework
 - (c) Current Staffing
 - (d) Improvement Plan
 - (e) Any recent meeting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area and District Committees Invitation Panel.
4. To use the output from 2 and 3 to review directorate measures taken to improve performance
5. To overview the work for securing a sound New Local Development Framework; in particular
 - a) how the core strategy will cater for the adequate delivery of infrastructure of all types,
 - b) the limited rolling back of the Metropolitan Green Belt,
 - c) the provision of affordable housing,
 - d) the changes to settlement patterns in the District.
6. To consider what changes are practical and desirable to Council policies concerning the Metropolitan Green Belt including
 - a) those concerning the extension of existing dwellings, the reuse of redundant and other buildings;
 - b) Any restrictions necessary (changes in policy required) to ensure that such developments are truly sustainable.

7. To establish any resource or other budgetary implications arising out of the topics under review and advise the Portfolio Holder, ONS ? Cabinet? for inclusion in the Budget each year;
8. To report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at appropriate intervals on the above.
9. To report to the the Portfolio Holder, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Council and the Cabinet with recommendations on matters referred to the Panel as appropriate.