## Request by Member for Scrutiny Review 2014/15 Work Programme



Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name:	Date of Request
Councillor Brian Sandler	04 July 2014
Supporting Councillors (if any):	
Councillor J Knapman	

## Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:

I would like the following reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (i) The operation of the speaking arrangements and deadlines for submission of material for the Planning subcommittees as currently contained within the rules for participation on planning matters to include:
  - (a) Classes and types of speakers, duration and registration arrangements and deadlines;
  - (b) The extent of Chairman's discretion on such matters:
  - (c) Procedure for other submissions and photographic material;
- (ii) The terms of reference of the Planning subcommittees and District Development Control Committee to include:
  - (a) definitions of applications of major importance;
  - (b) clarification of the mechanism for referrals from Planning Subcommittees
  - (c) the role of the Leader as currently defined in the DDCC's terms of reference.
  - (d) How the Council's own applications are dealt with.

## NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

## **Public Interest Justification:**

The operation of the Planning function has been subject to complaint from the public. Given that it is some years since the arrangements were put in place, a review is timely.

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:	
Applications for planning consent can have both positive and negative impact upon the well-being of the District. It is important the procedures for deciding on applications are consistent and fair.	
Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):	
The Council has over 40 planning Committee meetings a year and performance against targets is good. However, complaints have been made in relation to the operation of planning committees over time.	
Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)	
None known	
Office Use:	
Pick score: Considered By OSCC:	