

**Report to Constitutional Affairs Standing
Scrutiny Panel
Date of Meeting: 4 December 2006**



Portfolio: Leader's

Subject: Area Plans Sub Committees – Re-organisation

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Decisions Required:

- (1) To consider whether:**
 - (a) the present pattern of Area Plans Sub Committees should be altered;**
 - (b) if so, to select an option for change from the following:**

Option 1 (3 Sub Committees namely: present Area A and 2 new Sub Committees reflecting Rural/Urban Split)

Option 2 (Adjusted 4 Sub Committee structure based on changes between present Areas B and C); and

Option 3 (3 Sub Committees namely present Areas A and D and new Area Sub covering present B and C).
- (2) To determine frequency of meetings in the preferred structure if alterations are to be made; and**
- (3) To determine the future membership of Area Sub Committee 'A'.**

Background

1. At the last meeting the Panel asked for four options for amended Area Plans Sub Committees to be brought forward to this meeting.
2. These options were:

Option 1 (3 Sub Committees: Area A and 2 new Sub Committees dividing the rest of the District on an urban/rural split);

Option 2 (4 Sub Committees: Areas A and D plus adjustments between B and C);

Option 3 (3 Sub Committees: Areas A and D and combine B and C).

3. The fourth option (3 Sub Committees: Present Area A plus two new Sub Committees dividing the District east and west) has been set aside as it is considered to be the same as Option 3 above.
- ... 4. Each of the three remaining options for change is set out in Appendices 1 and 2 attached.
5. A fourth option (no change) should be dealt with under recommendation (1) above.
6. The issues of (a) the numbers of Councillors serving on Area Sub A and (b) meeting frequencies should also be determined.
7. Changes to Area Plans Subs require approval from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Council and should be implemented at the next Annual Council meeting.