

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Board
4th April 2006**

**Report Number C/14/06
Planning Policies**

Report by Councillor N Carter – Chairman of the scrutiny team

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of progress on the Planning Policies scrutiny task group.

2.0 Financial, Staffing, Legal & Risk Implications

- 2.1 There are no staffing, financial, risk or legal implications arising out of this report.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Management Board had initially identified two separate task groups to investigate a) planning policies in relation to agricultural buildings and b) planning policies in relation to parking. At the O&S Management Board meeting of December 2005 it was decided to amalgamate the two issues and form one task group.

- 3.2 Councillors Nigel Carter, Jenny Combe, Clyde Hoddinott, Brian Ashley & James Caldwell were appointed to this task group and an initial meeting has been held with officers of the council.

- 3.3 After some discussion of the issues the task group identified the need to gather further background information and has therefore called for a report from the Planning Services Manager which will define:-

- 3.3.1 A list of the last couple of years planning applications for a) agricultural buildings and b) dwellings in relation to equine establishments. This will also include the officer decision for each of the applications, the decision made and a copy of any legal agreement that ties the building to the business. This action is intended to identify any inconsistencies in the application of relevant policies and conditions attached to any decision. The findings will then direct recommendations for amendments to planning policy, if these were thought appropriate or necessary.

- 3.3.2 A report setting out for the last two years worth of significant developments in the district the number of parking spaces

recommended and subsequently agreed and also the council's policy in relation to commercial use and the formula applied.

- 3.4 The task group are to meet with the Planning Services Manager to discuss the reports. It is envisaged that the group will then be able to report back any findings to the Management Board in July 2006.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT; the Board

- i) Notes this report.

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