

REPORT TO THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Report No.11

Date of Meeting	30th November 2006
Title of Report	Planning Scrutiny Task Group
Link to Corporate Priorities	Spatial Planning Customer Focus Housing Buoyant Economy
Public Report	YES

Summary of Report

To consider establishing a Scrutiny Task Group to consider aspects of Planning Services, including major planning applications, Section 106 policy and Planning Delivery Grant.

Officer Recommendations

That the Draft Terms of Reference for the Planning Scrutiny Task Group be approved as set out in Appendix 1 – Work Programme Record Card.

That the Committee appoints Members to the Task Group.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	None	None

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Report seeks to gain approval for Terms of Reference for a Planning Scrutiny Task Group and the appointment of Members to the Group.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 Option 1: To approve the Planning Scrutiny Task Group Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Option 2: To amend the Planning Scrutiny Task Group Terms of Reference contained in Appendix 1 and to approve.
- 2.3 Option 3: Not to create a Task Group and use the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to carry out the work.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 19th October 2006, the Committee resolved that a Planning Task Group be set up with terms of reference and membership to be agreed by the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny in consultation with the Lead Member for Planning to consider the financial implications of the Planning Delivery Grant evaluation and the Section 106 agreements.
- 3.2 The Council's Advisory Body Protocol, which applies to Scrutiny Task Groups requires the terms of reference and membership to be determined by the body setting up the group.
- 3.3 The Lead Member has been sent the draft Terms of Reference, set out in Appendix 1 - Work Programme Record Card.

4. Risk Analysis

- 4.1 There are no specific risks arising from the approval of the Terms of Reference.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Appendix 1 – Planning Scrutiny Task Group Draft Work Programme Record Card.
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	Minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 19 th October 2006. Constitution of the Council (Advisory Body Protocol)

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Report No.11 Overview & Scrutiny Workplan	Overview & Scrutiny Committee 19 th October 2006	O72