



REPORT OF:	CORPORATE POLICY AND GOVERNANCE MANAGER
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WARD (S) AFFECTED:	All
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SUBJECT:	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL
RECOMMENDATIONS: 1. To agree the membership of the Local Development Framework Scrutiny Review Panel as set out in the report; 2. To agree the scope of the Local Development Framework Scrutiny Review Panel work during 2014/15 and beyond.	
SUMMARY To consider the membership, timetable and scope of the Local Development Framework Scrutiny Review Panel during 2014/15 and beyond.	

BACKGROUND

1. The Executive on 20 March 2014 supported the Committee's request for the Local Development Framework (LDF) Scrutiny Review Panel ('the LDF Panel') to be re-established in 2014/15 and included in its work programme. This was approved by Council on 10 April 2014.
2. The Committee is therefore requested to agree activity for the LDF Panel for 2014/15 and beyond. This will focus on consideration of emerging planning policy documents, in particular the Development Management Plan (DMP) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

MEMBERSHIP

3. The LDF Panel is a 5 Member panel. The political proportionality requirements do not apply to scrutiny panels. However, the Committee has always sought to apply the principles. The seats are therefore allocated as follows:
Conservatives (as the majority group): 3
Other Groups: 2
4. Meetings of the LDF Panel are open to any Councillor to attend.

5. The Committee is asked to consider the nominations for Membership of the Panel. The following nominations have been received:
Conservative Party: Councillors M. Blacker, Mrs L.J. Brunt, and K. Foreman (Chair).
Residents Association: Councillor M.J. Selby.
Liberal Democrats: Councillor G.L. Norman.
6. The Committee is requested to approve the above nominations.

SCOPE

7. The LDF Panel will consider emerging planning policy documents, in particular the DMP and the CIL.
8. The main objective of the Panel will be to examine the principles and processes that underline the preparation of planning policy documents. The Panel will review consultation proposals and offer comments for consideration.
9. In general the Panel's aim should be to establish that the DMP and CIL:
 - Are clear, focused, achievable, realistic and based on sound practices;
 - Have clear linkages with corporate and other plans that form the Policy Framework and are designed to improve services in the Council's priority areas; and
 - Are applied in a way that enables the Council's goals, standards and priorities to be achieved.

TIMETABLE

10. The Executive will be asked to approve the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for consultation on 13 November 2014, in line with the Council's Policy Framework.
11. The Panel is expected to meet in early December to consider the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule.
12. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the report of the LDF Panel at its meeting on 22 January 2015. The Committee will provide comments on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for initial consideration by the Executive Member for Planning and Development in preparation of the next stage - the Draft Charging Schedule.
13. The Executive will be asked to approve the Draft Charging Schedule for consultation at its meeting on 26 March 2015, at which time it will receive the full report of the LDF Panel and comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
14. It is envisaged that the LDF Panel will also consider emerging DMP documents. However, the first of these will not be consulted on until the 2015/16 Municipal Year, and so a detailed timetable for this work is not available at this time.

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15. The Panel's activity will therefore focus on considering and responding to draft DMP and CIL documents published by the Executive.
16. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider all reports of the Local Development Framework Scrutiny Review Panel at its meetings, and make any comments for consideration by the Executive in line with the Council's Policy Framework.

Background Papers:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2014/15