

Proposal to include a review of the Planning Scheme of Delegation in the Scrutiny Work Programme

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Action required

Members of the Scrutiny Committee are asked to agree that a report reviewing the Planning Scheme of Delegation is included in their 2015/16 Scrutiny Work Programme with an anticipated date of October 2015.

Background

As Members may recall in February this year, Full Council resolved that Scrutiny be asked to consider including a review of the current Planning Scheme of Delegation in their 2015/16 work programme. This decision was made in response to a proposal from Councillor Andrew Turpin.

The purpose of this brief report is to seek agreement from members of the Scrutiny Committee that the matter of reviewing the Planning Scheme of Delegation be included in the Scrutiny work programme for future consideration by the Committee.

In February when the issue was initially discussed, the Assistant Director – Economy indicated that officers within his team would commence a review of the Scheme of Delegation by firstly gathering evidence on the current working of the Scheme, thus establishing an assessment on the current effectiveness of the Scheme, before making any recommendations to Full Council if any changes were deemed necessary.

The Assistant Director – Economy also stated that there are a number of factors that contribute to making the review of the Scheme of Delegation a reasonable action to take, including the introduction of the Local Plan which may have made some of the references within the Scheme obsolete.

Officers have indicated that a report will be presented to Scrutiny in October 2015.

The Portfolio Holder – Strategic Planning (Place making) is aware of this planned review and will be involved by the review team as the work progresses.

Members of the Scrutiny Committee may wish to use this opportunity to identify any issues they feel officers may want to include in the review.

Councillor Andrew Turpin has requested that the issue of Parish Representation is included in the review - Councillor Turpin will be notified when this matter is due to be considered by Scrutiny so that he may attend.

To support member's consideration of this item, the standard Scrutiny Report Request template is attached.

Request for report to come to Scrutiny Committee

Subject:

Purpose of report

Why do you want a report on this issue/topic?

Why have you requested this report now?

What do you hope to achieve having considered the report (consider outcomes)?

Specifics

Please detail any specific questions you would like the report to answer?

Please detail any specific information you would like in the report?

Please detail if there is anything else that you would find helpful, forecasts or examples etc.