

Scrutiny Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007

## 10. Area Based Decision Making

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### Purpose of the Report

The Planning Advisory Service has published a review of Area Based Decision Making (ABDM). The Review looks at various issues relating to ABDM including how effective this decision making process is in terms of delivering the new planning agenda. The review also seeks to establish a set of guidelines for the future.

ABDM is a fundamental part of South Somerset's approach to Development Control and therefore this review is especially pertinent.

A copy of the review document is attached for your consideration prior to the Scrutiny Committee meeting, where the Head of Development Control will discuss the Council's response (details of which will be circulated in writing in advance of the meeting).

### Action Required

That Members of the Scrutiny Committee consider the Planning Advisory Services report reviewing Area Based Decision Making and comment on the Council's response.

### Implications for Corporate Priorities

Effective Development Control practices and procedures will lead to the delivery a number of Corporate Priorities including promoting a balanced natural and built environment and delivering well managed, cost effective services valued by our customers.

**Background Papers:** *Planning Advisory Service Review of Area Based Decision Making (attached)*  
*Response of Head of Development and Building Control (to be circulated in advance of the meeting)*

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