

Scrutiny and Overview Committee Scoping Tool

<p>Proposed item for scrutiny:</p> <p>Planning Performance</p>
<p>Service area and relevant Portfolio Holder:</p> <p>Service area – New Communities and Planning</p> <p>Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nick Wright (Planning and Economic Development)</p>
<p>Officer support required:</p> <p>Potential officers to support the committee in considering this item could include:</p> <p>Jo Mills (Director, New Communities and Planning), John Williamson (Strategic Planning Manager) and Nigel Blazeby (Development Control Manager)</p>
<p>Rationale:</p> <p>Members have raised planning performance as an area of concern and believe that an in depth look at this area could be beneficial in helping to improve the service.</p>
<p>Purpose/objective of scrutiny involvement:</p> <p>The Scrutiny and Overview Committee propose to look at the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning performance data • Planning appeals – to include how many decisions are appealed when the Committee has gone against an officer decision. • The staffing structure within the planning department. To include staff turnover, reasons for staff leaving and recruitment to the service. • The planning portal of the website
<p>Methodology/approach:</p> <p>A small group of Members have discussed this, and propose the following approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desk based review to be undertaken, followed by a workshop.