

## SCRUTINY ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	INTERNAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 JUNE 2023	4
<b>PLANNING PEER REVIEW – DRAFT ACTION PLAN</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

#### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

In December 2022, Planning Committee received a report from the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) which set out the findings of their Peer Review Team who had reviewed the operation of the council's planning service earlier in the year. An action plan that sought to address the recommendations of the report was prepared with the input of the Peer Review Team for further considered by the Planning Committee who, on 8 March 2023, resolved to approve the draft Review Action Plan for circulation to stakeholders for comment and feedback prior to adoption through the council's new governance arrangements.

The plan was circulated to those who took part in the review process, with the Town and Parish Council's particularly being requested to comment on the draft action plan due to their keen involvement in the peer review process.

The Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee are requested to consider the views set out in the attached schedules and how the plan might be amended to reflect the feedback that has been received. It is considered that a scrutiny spotlight review would be an appropriate mechanism through which to review the action plan in order to avoid any delay in its implementation.

Once approved, it is intended that the action plan will be reviewed periodically by the Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee to allow the impact of the recommendations on service delivery to be monitored.

#### SOURCE OF REFERRAL FOR SCRUTINY

Planning Committee of 8 March 2023

#### LINK TO RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[PAS Peer Review Feedback Report](#)

[Draft Action Plan considered by the Planning Committee](#)

Schedule of comments received with officer comments were considered appropriate (attached)

#### WHY IS THIS MATTER BEING PLACED BEFORE COMMITTEE FOR SCRUTINY?

The Planning Service is one of the council's primary 'outward facing' services that not only interacts with members of the public daily but is central to shaping the future development of the borough. The implementation of the

recommendations contained in the PAS Peer Review Report is key to ensuring the service remains effective and responsive to the needs and demands of its many customers.

It is considered that the Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee is ideally placed to ensure the effective development and implementation of the Action Plan.

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

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