

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
HEAD OF PLANNING	PLANNING COMMITTEE	8 MARCH 2023	6
<b>PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE REVIEW – ACTION PLAN</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

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

### SUMMARY

The report outlines the rationale and process for developing an action plan that stems from the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) review report on the planning service at Fylde. Appendix 1 includes the proposed action plan drawn from the recommendations included in the review report.

The review report was presented to the committee on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, as an information item and can be viewed [at the link here](#).

### RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee approves the draft PAS Review Action Plan included at Appendix 1 to the report to be circulated to stakeholders for comment and feedback prior to adoption through the new governance arrangements.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

8 June 2022 Planning Committee – Approve the scope for the Planning Advisory Review at Fylde

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	✓
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	✓
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	✓
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	✓

### REPORT

- On 8 June 2022 Planning Committee agreed the scope for a Planning Advisory Service (PAS) review of Fylde Council's Planning Service. PAS set out the process for a Peer Challenge in a proposal letter on 27th June 2022, with the on-site peer challenge taking place from 5 - 7 October 2022.
- The first draft of the Planning Service Peer Challenge Review Report was received in December 2022 for accuracy and consistency checks by the council. The final draft of the report was agreed as an accurate

assessment of the service based on the evidence provided and it was presented to the Planning Committee at the meeting on 18 January 2023, as an information item.

3. The review report included recommendations drawn from the evidence provided to the team and desk top research on the service, for example: benchmarking, best practice, historical data, etc. The rationale for each recommendation was included in the report.
4. The recommendations outline areas the council should address to achieve improvements to the planning service as well as to the relationship between the service, the council and other stakeholders. The PAS Action Plan included as Appendix 1 to the report includes the proposed actions that should be delivered to achieve the outcomes for each recommendation. In some instances, there is more than one action proposed to address the recommendation.
5. It is essential that the actions which stem from the Peer Challenge Review are clearly linked to the recommendations that have been based on the evidence assessed by the review team. The action plan includes a link to the recommendation for each action proposed. It is recognised that other actions may arise through the delivery of the PAS Action Plan or be identified by the planning service as part of the service planning process that is carried out each year. The actions in the PAS Action Plan must link back to the review report.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	There are no legal implications
Community Safety	There are no community safety implications
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no human rights or equalities implications
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no sustainability or environmental implications
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no health & safety or risk management implications

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Planning Service Peer Challenge Final Report	January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2023	<a href="#">Fylde Website</a>