

Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

12th August 2009

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

Update on proposed scrutiny topic

Implementation of planning conditions and adoption of new estates

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on information relating to a previously registered scrutiny topic on the implementation of planning conditions and the adoption of new estates.

Background

2. At a previous meeting of the Committee, held on 14th July 2009, Members were presented with a feasibility report a newly registered scrutiny topic on the implementation of planning conditions and the adoption of new estates. A copy of the feasibility report and its associated annexes is attached at Annexes 1, 1A, 1B and, 1C and 1D to this report.
3. After due consideration Members of the Committee deferred their decision on whether to progress this topic to review and asked for further information on the adoptions process. A briefing note has now been prepared and is attached at Annex 2 to this report. Its associated annexes are at Annexes 2A and 2B to this report.

Consultation

4. The briefing note was prepared by technical officers within the Traffic Network Management Department in conjunction with the Assistant Director (City Development & Transport).

Options

5. Members should consider whether they wish to proceed with the proposed scrutiny topic on the implementation of planning conditions and the adoption of new estates.

Analysis

6. Members should note that the briefing note highlights the fact that a report will be submitted to the Executive Member Decision Session in September, which will describe the adoption issues and make recommendations about improvements to the service.
7. In light of the additional information received and that contained within the original feasibility study, Members will now need to consider whether they wish to progress this topic to review. If Members choose to undertake a review on this topic then a remit will need to be prepared. It is recommended that this be delegated to a small task group in conjunction with the scrutiny officer. Any remit prepared should take into consideration work already undertaken by the Planning Enforcement Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee in order to avoid duplication as well as the questions outlined in the topic registration form.
8. Should the review be progressed then the Committee have the option of forming a task group to undertake this work. It is recommended that this be a cross party task group to enable more flexible and informal working. Any task group would report back to the whole Committee on a regular basis.
9. Should Committee choose to proceed with this review they will also need to consider how best to fit this into their current work plan.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

10. This is related to making York Council an effective organisation, which is the eight theme of the recently refreshed corporate strategy.

Implications

11. **Financial** – There is a small amount of funding available within the scrutiny budget to carry out reviews. There are no other financial implications associated with this report however; implications may arise should the review be progressed.
12. **Human Resources** – In the feasibility report presented to Members on 14th July 2009 representatives from both Development Control and the City Development & Transport Group highlighted potential resource issues.
13. **Legal** - There are no direct legal implications associated with this particular report but implications could arise should the review be progressed.
14. There are no known equalities, property, crime & disorder or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

15. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

16. It is recommended that:

Members consider whether they wish to progress this topic to review and if so, to delegate the preparation of a remit to a cross party task group in conjunction with the scrutiny officer

Reason: To determine whether they wish to progress this topic.

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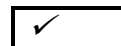
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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annexes

- Annex 1** Feasibility Report
- Annex 1A** Topic Registration Form
- Annex 1B** Comments from Development Control
- Annex 1C** Comments from Highways Section
- Annex 1D** Additional Written Submission from Councillor Simpson-Laing
- Annex 2** Briefing Note on Adoptions
- Annex 2A** Development Schedule
- Annex 2B** Responses from other Local Authorities