
Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

28th September 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal, Democratic Services

Update on Implementation of Recommendations of Previous Scrutiny Reviews

Summary

1. This report provides Members with update information on the implementation of recommendations made as a result of previously completed scrutiny reviews on Guidance for Sustainable Development and Planning Enforcement.

Background

2. In the past the Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC) have monitored the implementation of recommendations arising from Scrutiny Reviews. Under the new scrutiny structure responsibility for this falls with the individual scrutiny committees.

Consultation

3. Relevant officers have provided update information on the recommendations arising from the reviews and will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions.

Options

4. With regard to Annexes A and B, Members may choose to do one, some or all of the suggestions below:
 - a. Sign off those recommendations where implementation has been completed
 - b. Request further updates to clarify any outstanding recommendations
 - c. Commission a further report in relation to the outstanding recommendations in Annex A (Guidance on Sustainable Development)

Analysis

5. The review on Guidance on Sustainable Development was completed in October 2006. Members of SMC have signed off some of the recommendations already and this report presents updated information on those that are still outstanding. The update on the implementation of the recommendations is provided at Annex A to this report.
6. Members last considered the recommendations arising from the Guidance on Sustainable Development Scrutiny Review at a meeting on 9th March 2010. At this time the Committee indicated that they were not happy with the slow progress being made on implementing these recommendations, especially as the review had been completed in 2006. The document (Annex A) has now been updated with further progress, which may go some way to appeasing Members' concerns. However if the Committee are still concerned they may wish to consider commissioning a further, in depth report from the relevant director that addresses the reasons for delayed implementation.
7. The review of Planning Enforcement was completed in May 2009. The update on the implementation of the recommendations is provided at Annex B to this report.

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8. The process of monitoring the implementation of approved recommendations helps us to be an 'Effective Organisation'.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and agree which recommendations arising from previously completed scrutiny reviews can be signed off. They are also recommended to commission a further report from the relevant director regarding the delayed implementation of recommendations arising from the Guidance on Sustainable Development Scrutiny Review.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Update on Guidance on Sustainable Development

Annex B – Planning Enforcement