

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE AGENDA - MEETING: 18 February 2016**

This form must be received by Member Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, before 12 noon on Friday 5 February 2016.

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Councillor:	Paul Cotterill
Subject:	Suitability of using Annexe A of previous PPS7 to reach decision pertaining to current NPPF para 55, and suitability person/agency to engage in financial test under Annexe A of previous PPS7

1. What are your reasons for requesting the item:

Officers have informally declined to support proposal to widen scope for parish council involvement in decision-making process around application of previous annexe A of previous PPS 7, and it is therefore appropriate at this stage for raise the matter with members for overview and scrutiny of this issue, such that members might take a view on the suitability of continuing to use previous planning guidance to decide on current planning matters, and on suitability of those assisting with the decision-making process, especially in light of budget pressures.

2. What outcome would you wish to see following discussion of the item?

- a) Members to be clear on issues and take a view on the above and advise cabinet/planning portfolio holder of same;
- b) Ground prepared, if necessary and desirable further to a), for application under Sustainable Communities Act 2007 for amendment to legislation, with national applicability.

3. What have you already done to resolve this issue?

Email correspondence with planning officers and review of documentation provided, leading to member view that this is matter best discussed in overview & scrutiny context and as valid councillor call for action under 2007 legislation.

Potential means of pursuing an issue before resorting to a Member Item/CCfA:

- Raise Ward Issue as a 'Patch Problem'
- Discuss issue with an appropriate officer from the Council Service or Agency
- Discuss issue with an appropriate Cabinet member
- Raise the issue with partner agency, eg. Police.
- Write formal letters on behalf of constituents
- Use official complaints procedure or other official route
- Put forward the issue as a topic for inclusion on an O&S work programme

The following are potential reasons why your Member Item/CCfA may not be considered further:

- The issue is an individual case
- You have not explored the issue fully and exhausted all avenues above
- A review into the general issue is included in an O&S work programme
- A petition is being submitted to the Council
- A complaint is being or has been submitted and the outcome is awaited
- A FOI request is being or has been made and the outcome is awaited
- Scrutiny of the issue is unlikely to result in improvements for local people
- The issue has been the subject of Executive Call In
- The issue has been the subject of a Council Motion / Question
- The issue is urgent and could be more speedily resolved by other means
- The issue is an 'excluded matter' (Constitution 18.3)

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