

MEMBER ITEM/ COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE AGENDA - MEETING: 6 December 2018**

This form must be received by Member Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, before 12 noon on Friday 23 November 2018.

Please advise Member Services on 01695 585016 if at any time you wish to withdraw this item following receipt of further information or e-mail member.services@westlancs.gov.uk

Councillor:	Paul Cotterill
Subject:	Meeting with officers on planning issues
1. What are your reasons for requesting the item: Requests for meeting with officers to discuss ongoing planning issues in respect of Firswood Road of concern to local residents and Parish Council have been denied.	
2. What outcome would you wish to see following discussion of the item? Meeting held, albeit belatedly, to go into detail on issues. Clarity gained on the rights of/restrictions on councillors to seek meetings with officers in cases where there is a view that local issues not sufficiently addressed.	

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

Correspondence with officers and portfolio holder to no avail, leaving no option but to bring under CCfA 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, PCT, etc.
- 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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Received by: Jacky Denning	Date of Committee: 6 December 2018
Date: 23 Nov 2018 Time: 8.49am	Chief Executive informed: yes
Head of Service informed: yes	Chairman informed: yes
Contact Officer informed:	Portfolio Holder informed: yes