

**MINUTE OF PLANNING COMMITTEE – 9 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**55 THE PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW - UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community as contained on pages 389 to 402 of the Book of Reports, which outlined the proposed actions and updated Members on the progress with implementing the recommendations of the planning services review.

The Corporate Director of Place and Community outlined the report and explained that a Working Group, made up of cross departmental representatives, led by the Corporate Director Place and Community had met on a regular basis to drive the implementation of the recommendations which had been categorised into short, medium and long term actions.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- That a further interim report was going back to an extra Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2022 to continue monitoring the review and whether this should also come back to Planning Committee.
- Additional capacity needed in the Planning Department was imperative
- Timescales involved for all of the reviews – 81 in total
- Weekly lists for planning applications – members found these very useful
- Call in procedures – members not understanding this process
- Responsibility of each section in the plan – which officers were responsible.
- Planning Applications down for refusal and being called into Planning Committee – if down for refusal why bring to Planning Committee.

**RESOLVED:** That the comments be noted.