



**CORPORATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**
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Report of: Borough Solicitor

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SUBJECT: MEMBER ITEMS / COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION

Borough wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise the Corporate and Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee of three items, submitted by Members, attached and listed on the agenda sheet.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the following Member Items detailed at Appendix A, B and C be noted.

- “Need for clarity on how planning committee considers precedence and comparability.”
- “Poor response from LCC on drainage complaint”
- “Hurlston Brook Flood Risk Study”

2.3 That the Committee determine if it wishes to consider each of the items submitted as Appendix A, B and C and, if so, confirm what further action it wishes to take having regard to the options at 4.3.

2.2 That should the Committee decide not to consider a Member’s Item/Councillor Call for Action, provide reasons for that decision to the Member who requested it.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Corporate and Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee establishes its own Work Programme annually.

3.2 The current Work Programme for Corporate and Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee and included on the Council’s web-site is:

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The Committee considers as part of its routine work:

- Items referred from "Members Update" at the request of a Member
- Members items/Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)
- Performance management
- Acts as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee
- Recommendations from previously conducted reviews

The Member Development Commission will continue its work during 2017/18 as will the ‘Public Involvement at Meetings Working Group’.

4.0 DETAILS RELATING TO SUBMITTED ITEMS

4.1 Appendix 1, 2 and 3 attached to this report, gives details of three Members Items /CCfA items submitted for consideration by the Committee.

4.2 The following are potential reasons why a Member Item may not be considered further:

- The issue is an individual case
- The Member has not explored the issue fully and exhausted all avenues as set down on the Members items/CCfA submission form
- 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 issues 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)

4.3 If the Committee decides to discuss the item it can either:

- Note the concern.
- Request a relevant officer to bring back a report on the issue.
- Make a recommendation to Cabinet / Council as appropriate.
- Undertake an in-depth Review on the subject matter (subject to current work programmes and resources)

- Set up a Working Group to look at the issue in more details (subject to the Committee's work programme and resources)
- Refer the matter to another authority / body if the issue raised is not within the remit of the Council.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The Committee is asked to consider the requests submitted and determine how they are to be handled.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

- A "Need for clarity on how planning committee considers precedence and comparability"
- B "Poor response from LCC on drainage complaint"
- C "Hurlston Brook Flood Risk Study"