

The Business, Membership and Frequency of the Council's Strategic Planning Consultative Group

Purpose :

To provide the Planning Committee with the opportunity to inform Cabinet of the Committee's views on the business, membership and frequency of the Council's Strategic Planning Consultative Group and in particular on the proposals contained within the report on the agenda of Cabinet on the 16th September.

Recommendation :

That should the Planning Committee wish to make any comments to Cabinet on the report and its proposals that it does so now, so that they can be taken into account by Cabinet at its meeting on the 16 September.

Reason :

To provide the Planning Committee with the same report on the matters outlined above as is being submitted to Cabinet on 16 September.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Members may recall that at its meeting on the 21 July the Planning Committee was provided with an opportunity to submit comments to the 22 July Cabinet meeting on the progress made in implementing the Action Plan agreed by the Council in response to the report of the Planning Peer Review Team. Action 6 of the updated Action Plan includes a proposal that Cabinet should receive a report at its meeting on the 16th September reviewing the remit, membership and business of the Strategic Planning Consultative Group.
- 1.2 The report for Cabinet has now been prepared and members of the Committee are asked to refer to this report which they will find in the agenda for the 16th September Cabinet. Given that it was Planning Committee that requested that the Strategic Planning Consultative Group be set up in the first place, due to perceived problems at the Committee at the time, that both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee are members of the Group, and the Group is chaired by the Chair of the Planning Committee, it is considered appropriate that the Committee have an opportunity to provide its views to Cabinet.