

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>6 March 2015</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Annual Report of the Planning Committee</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards Affected**

County-wide

## **Purpose**

To inform Council of the work undertaken by the Planning Committee from May 2014 to 28 February 2015.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT: the report be noted.**

## **Alternative Options**

- 1 There are no alternative options as the report is for information.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 2 To comply with the requirement in the council's constitution that Council will receive annual reports from committees.

## **Key Considerations**

- 3 This report summarises the work of the Planning Committee between the annual Council meeting held on 23 May 2014 and 28 February 2015.
- 4 The Committee has continued to operate on a three week cycle throughout the year. It has met on 14 days during the reporting period with morning and afternoon meetings arranged for the last three of those scheduled meeting dates.

- 5 The Committee dealt with the applications referred to it at its meetings from 4 June 2014 to 11 February 2015 as follows
- approved as recommended – 41
  - approved contrary to recommendation – 5
  - refused as recommended – 4
  - refused contrary to recommendation – 12

### **Appeals**

- 6 The Committee has received information reports in respect of the determination of 40 planning appeals for the period between the annual Council meeting on 23 May 2014 and 6 February 2015. Of these 26 appeals were dismissed, 10 were allowed, 1 was withdrawn and 3 involved a split decision with the decisions being allowed in part.
- 7 Applications for costs in respect of the appeals were awarded to the appellant on 3 occasions and refused on 3 occasions. No costs were awarded to the council.
- 8 The external cost for defending appeal payments of total costs against the council for the last financial year 2014/15 to date has been calculated at £10,500.

### **Background Papers**

- None identified.