

Meeting:	Council
Meeting date:	15 July 2016
Title of report:	Annual report of the planning committee
Report by:	Chairman: Planning committee

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 27 May 2015 to 20 May 2016.

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 27 May 2015 and 20 May 2016.
- 4 The committee has continued to operate on a three week cycle throughout the year. It has met 19 times during the reporting period (inclusive of 3 times when the committee met both in the morning and the afternoon.)

- 5 The committee dealt with the applications referred to it at its meetings from 16 June 2015 to 18 May 2016 as follows
- approved as recommended – 46
 - approved contrary to recommendation – 9
 - refused as recommended – 2
 - refused contrary to recommendation – 14

Appeals

- 6 The committee has received information reports in respect of the determination of appeals. There were 87 appeals determined in the period between the annual Council meeting on 27 May 2015 and 18 May 2016. Of these 51 appeals were dismissed, 28 were allowed, 8 were withdrawn. One involved a split decision with the decisions being allowed in part.
- 7 Applications for part award of costs in respect of the appeals were awarded to the appellant on three occasions and refused on eleven 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 2015/16 has been calculated at £42,627.68. This includes Planning Consultants and Specialist Consultants together with facility hire when no Council accommodations was available. In addition Barristers were engaged at a cost of £59,198.

Background papers

- None identified.