

MEETING:	ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	14 SEPTEMBER 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN FOLLOWING THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE PLANNING SERVICE
REPORT BY:	HEAD OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To consider Cabinet's response to the recommendations made to it in the Scrutiny Review of Planning Services and following the Planning Service Review undertaken by the Audit Commission.

Recommendation

- THAT (a) Cabinet's response to the findings of both Reviews of the Planning Service be noted, subject to any comments which the Committee wishes to make; and**
- (b) a further report on progress against the single action plan for the service be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further report to be made.**

Introduction and Background

1. On 20 April 2009 this Committee approved the findings of the Planning Services Scrutiny Review.
2. The Committee agreed that the Executive's response to the Review including an action plan be reported to the first available meeting of the Committee after the Executive had approved its response; and that a further report on progress in response to the Review then be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further reports to be made. The Committee were also aware that a review of the Planning Service was due to be reported by the Audit Commission and for completeness the Committee requested that it be informed of the Executives response to that review.

3. Cabinet considered its response to both reviews on 30 July 2009. The report to Cabinet setting out the response to the Scrutiny Review and the Audit Commission Review, together with action plans, is appended.
4. Cabinet agreed the recommendations as set out in the report to it.

Background Papers

- None identified.