

MEETING:	GENERAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	4 MARCH 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK AND FINISH GROUP ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY
REPORT BY:	Assistant Director – Economic, Environment and Cultural Services

1. Classification

Open

2. Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

3. Wards Affected

County-wide.

4. Purpose

To report the Executive's response and action plan following the Task & Finish review of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

5. Recommendation(s)

THAT:

(a) The Executive response and contents of the action plan is noted

(b) The Committee notes that the Task & Finish Group (CIL) has resumed its review.

6. Key Points Summary

- In accordance with the Council's Constitution this report informs this Committee of the Executive response to the Task & Finish Review Community Infrastructure Levy and the Executive Action Plan that has been put in place.
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The initial findings of the Group were presented to General Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 December 2012

- The findings from the review were accepted by the Committee and the Task & Finish report was subsequently forwarded to the Executive for consideration.
- The Cabinet Member Environment, Housing & Planning considered the review and agreed the response on 17 January 2013. A copy of the decision notice, the report the decision was based on and the appended Executive Action Plan have been appended to this report for the Committee's information.
- Due to the timeframe within which the Task & Finish Group had to undertake the review the Group were not able to access a number of key areas of evidence. These are referred to in the Executive Action Plan.
- The Chairman of the Task & Finish Group, Councillor EP Harvey, is aware that the CIL is part of the Local Development Framework and that the outstanding issues need to be progressed. The Chairman therefore reconvened the Group on 6 February 2013 to continue with the review.
- A report into the findings of this subsequent review will be reported to this Committee in due course.

7. Alternative Options

7.1 None

8. Reasons for Recommendations

8.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of the Executive's response to the Task & Finish Review and to comply with the Council's Constitution (4.5.13.3).

9. Introduction and Background

9.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee commissioned a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of the Community Infrastructure Levy, the initial findings of which were reported to Committee in December 2012.

9.2 In accordance with the Council's Constitution this report informs this Committee of the Executive response to the review and the Executive Action Plan that has been put in place.

10. Key Considerations

10.1 As indicated in its report to Committee in December 2012 the Task & Finish Group was unable to complete its work in accordance with its terms of reference (the scoping statement) and therefore work has now recommenced in reviewing information or evidence not available prior to December 2012.

11. Community Impact

11.1 Any community impact has been set out in the appended report to the Cabinet Member.

12. Equality and Human Rights

12.1 Any equality and human rights implications have been set out in the appended report to the Cabinet Member.

13. Financial Implications

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14. Legal Implications

14.1 Any legal implications have been set out in the appended report to the Cabinet Member

15. Risk Management

15.1 Any risk implications have been set out in the appended report to the Cabinet Member.

16. Consultees

16.1 None. This is an information report to Committee in accordance with the scrutiny procedure set out in the Council's constitution.

17. Appendices

- The Cabinet Member Decision Notice dated 17 January 2013.
- The report to the Cabinet Member Environment, Housing & Planning.
- The Executive Response Action Plan.

18. Background Papers

18.1 The Task & Finish Group report into its initial findings on the Community Levy is available from the Councils web site.