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| <b>MEETING:</b>         | <b>General Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>                         |
| <b>DATE:</b>            | <b>10 June 2015</b>  |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b> | <b>Task and finish group report: development management (planning)</b> |
| <b>REPORT BY:</b>       | <b>Task and finish group</b>   |

## 1. Classification

Open.

## 2. Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

## 3. Wards Affected

County-wide.

## 4. Purpose

To consider the findings of the scrutiny task and finish group: development management (planning) and to recommend the report to the Executive for consideration.

## 5. Recommendations

**THAT:**

**(a) The committee considers the report of the task and finish group: development management (planning), in particular its recommendations, and determines whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to the Executive; and**

**(b) Subject to the review being approved, the Executive's response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the Executive has approved its response.**

## 6. Alternative Options

6.1 The committee can agree, not agree or can vary the recommendations. If the committee agree with the findings and recommendations from the review, the attached report will be submitted to the Executive for consideration. It will be for the Executive to decide whether some, all or none of the recommendations are approved.

## 7. Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 The committee commissioned a task and finish group to consider whether the current systems are fit for purpose to ensure that public confidence is maintained and enhanced.

The findings of the task and finish group are detailed in the attached report, along with associated recommendations, for the committee to consider.

## **8. Key Considerations**

- 8.1 The task and finish group was established to consider whether the current systems in place are fit for purpose and make recommendations to the Executive regarding improvements which could be made to inform service planning and delivery going forward.
- 8.2 The task and finish group met six times, involving interviews with council officers, parish council clerks, planning consultants, and officers from Shropshire Council Planning Department.
- 8.3 The appended report identifies recommendations arising from the findings of the task and finish group.

## **9. Community Impact**

- 9.1 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, community impact will need to be assessed.

## **10. Equality and Human Rights**

- 10.1 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, equality and human rights issues will need to be assessed.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the financial implications of any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

## **12. Legal Implications**

- 12.1 If the committee agree with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the legal implications of implementing any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

## **13. Risk Management**

- 13.1 If the committee agrees with the findings of the task and finish group, the report will need to be considered by the Executive and, depending on their decision, the risk management implications of implementing any of the recommendations will need to be assessed.

## **14. Consultees**

- 14.1 The consultees are detailed at section 4.4 of the appended report.

## **15. Appendices**

Appendix 1 Task and finish group report: development management (planning)

## **16. Background Papers**

16.1 None identified.