

**PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
6 OCTOBER 2010**

Councillor Mrs F Beatty (Chairman)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

Mrs M Bowen	D B Price
G R Collier	G O Rowlands
B M Cross	C E Simpson
A S Harp	B J Stamp
A J Perkins	

Councillor W D Davis (Cabinet Member – Planning and Regeneration Portfolio).

Also present - Councillors J A Russell and R M Sutherland.

PRS12 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2010, submitted and signed.

PRS13 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Butter and J S Francis (substituted by Councillor A J Perkins).

PRS14 FUTURE JOBS FUND

This matter had been published in Digest No 147 of 17 September 2010 and had been called in to this Committee by Councillors G O Rowlands, P M Rowlands and S O'Connor for the following reason:-

“To allow the Committee to discuss fully the report relating to an update on the Future Jobs Fund.”

Councillor G O Rowlands outlined the reasons for calling in this matter to which the Head of Planning and Regeneration responded accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the decision of the Cabinet be noted and the committee take no action.

PRS15 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

Considered the report (V2 23/09/10) and associated presentation of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (a copy of the presentation

slides are available on request from the Head of Law and Administration).

During the presentation Members were afforded the opportunity to raise any questions, to which both the Cabinet Member and Head of Planning and Regeneration responded accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the report and associated presentation be received;
- (ii) consideration be given to changing the name of Development Control Committee to 'The Planning Committee' as part of the ongoing review of the Council's Constitution.

PRS16 IN PURSUIT OF SUCCESS

Considered the joint report of the Head of Policy and Improvement and the Head of Finance relating to the performance and financial management of those areas within the remit of the Committee for Quarter 1 of 2010/11.

The Committee discussed various elements of the report, to which the Cabinet Member responded appropriately. Particular reference was made to indicators PFA0210, PFA0213, PFA0215 and PFA0501.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the submitted performance data for Quarter 1 of 2010/11 relating to those areas within the remit of the Committee be noted.

PRS17 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009/2010

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 28/09/10).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the final accounts position for the year ended 31 March 2010 be noted.

PRS18 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK DRAFT RE-USE OF RURAL BUILDINGS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V1 13/09/10).

The Committee considered the draft planning document at length, highlighting any amendment to be made prior to general circulation. A site visit to view examples rural buildings in and around the Borough was suggested in order to further inform Members on this issue.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the report and associated draft re-use of rural buildings supplementary planning document (circulated as a separate booklet) be noted;
- (ii) the amendments as identified at the meeting be incorporated into the Draft SPD Re-Use of Rural Buildings;
- (iii) a site visit for Members of the Committee to view rural buildings in the Borough be convened.

(Councillor W D Davis declared a personal interest in this item and remained present during the discussion).

PRS19 **WORK PROGRAMME – PLANNING AND REGENERATION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V2 24/09/10).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be received, subject to the amendments made at the meeting.