

Harborough District Council



Report to Council Meeting of 24 July 2023

Title:	Update from the Planning Committee
Status:	Public
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Appendices:	n/a

Summary

- i. This report summarises the activities of the Planning Committee since the last meeting of Council.

Recommendations

1. That Council note the report

Reasons for Recommendations

- ii. The Council Procedure Rules contained within the Council's constitution provide that Council will, at an ordinary meeting of the Council, receive a report from each committee and receive questions and answers on that report.

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report updates Council on the activity of the Planning Committee since the last meeting of Council.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Council's constitution includes, at Part 4, Council Procedure Rules. These procedure rules apply to meetings of the full Council. They also largely apply to committee and sub-committee meetings, but do not apply to Overview and Scrutiny meetings, or to meetings

of Cabinet, which bodies each have their own procedure rules, also contained in Part 4 of the Constitution.

- 2.2. Council Procedure Rule 2 sets out the order of business to be transacted at an ordinary meeting of Council, stating at 2.10 that it will “receive reports from the Council’s Committees and receive questions and answers on those reports”.

3. Details

- 3.1. Members will recall that Annual Council resolved to maintain existing Committees. Nominations were made by all groups to the Committee. Training has been offered to the committee members and the Planning Committee has met twice to conduct the business delegated to it by Council. Site visits have been conducted where appropriate.

4. Implications of Decisions

Corporate Priorities

- 4.1. The Council is committed to delivering its corporate priorities as set out in its corporate plan. Providing the information contained within this report gives assurance that the Council continues to work to deliver these priorities.

Consultation

- 4.2. This report reflects the considerations of the committee, which all members were entitled to attend. No further consultation is required.

Financial

- 4.3. This report provides an update on the work of the Planning Committee. It has no direct financial consequences for the budget set by the Council, however it is important to note that the achievement of planning income (under or over) does have direct implications upon the Council. These implications are monitored and managed by the service through regular performance and finance reviews.

Legal

- 4.4. This report provides an update on the work of the Planning Committee and ensures the committee complies with its obligations to Council as set out in the Council Procedure Rules.

4.5. Environment Implications

- 4.6. This update report does not impact directly upon the Council’s commitment to achieving net zero carbon.

Risk Management

- 4.7. The contents of this report do not pose any risk implications for the Council as it provides an update on the work of the Planning Committee.

Equalities Impact

- 4.8. The Council has a statutory duty to consider and demonstrate equalities impact in all of its activities. However, the report does not directly impact upon the public sector equality duty given it reports the activities of a committee.

Data Protection

4.9. This report contains no private information.

5. Alternative Options Considered

5.1. There are no alternative options given this report is required to comply with the Council Procedure Rules.

6. Recommendation

6.1. Council is invited to note the activity of the Planning Committee since the last meeting of Council.

7. Background papers

7.1. None