

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2022/23 WORK PROGRAMME

MASTER SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR AGREED TOPICS

Date of Review	Title of Review	Reasons and Objectives of the Review	Lines of Enquiry	Responsible Cabinet Member and Officers	Guest Speakers	Outcome
2 March 2023 (RS)	Review of Democratic Accountability within the Planning Process	To ensure that the Council's democratic processes used when determining Planning Applications are robust and fit for purpose	<p>What democratic processes are there for Committee Members (including as a Ward Cllr), Ward Councillors not on Committee, T&PC, applicants and objectors?</p> <p>Why do we have a Referral Panel and how does the process work, how is it publicised to Members and who is involved?</p> <p>Why do Ward Councillors not receive a further alert when a planning application is referred to the Referral Panel?</p> <p>Should there be a greater involvement of Ward Councillors in the Planning process eg Ward Councillors speaking at referral panel</p> <p>Should a limited call in provision for Ward Councillors be introduced to bypass the referral panel - similar to the Waveney process?</p> <p>Do all speakers have sufficient time (3 minutes for public etc and 5 for Ward Councillors)?</p> <p>Should there be more liaison with Town and Parish Councils eg Officers visiting Parish Councils when planning applications, particularly controversial ones, are discussed?</p>	David Ritchie Philip Ridley Ben Woolnough	Paul Ashdown & Debbie McCallum SALC	The Council has a democratic planning process that all Members and participants have confidence in

			<p>What are Town and Parishes views about how they can participate in the planning process? (reference to SALC survey they did?)</p> <p>What democratic processes do other Councils have for the involvement of Members and participants?</p>			
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