



STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, 9 March 2020

AGENTS, TOWN AND PARISH, AND FORUM UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Head of Planning and Coastal Management will provide a report to the Strategic Planning Committee on the outcomes and next steps resulting from recent engagement with applicants and agents, Town and Parish Councils and the Conservation Forum.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
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Wards Affected:	All
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Cabinet Member:	Councillor David Ritchie Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On the 30 January 2010 Members of the Planning Service held an Agents Forum at High Lodge in Darsham which was attended by 42 agents working across the District. Updates and information was shared in relation to CIL/RAMS, Development Management and Planning Policy. In addition, external partners from the Police and Planning Portal provide valuable updates in relation to designing out crime and changes to the Planning Portal.
- 1.2 This meeting was followed by a Design and Conservation Forum in the afternoon with key members of the Design and Conservation Team and those working in the sector to provide updates on the team, working practices, Conservation Area reviews, Heritage Action Zone, Listed Buildings and key projects the team are working on.
- 1.3 On the 24 January and the 27 January 2020, at both East Suffolk House and Riverside, the team undertook engagement and provided updates to our Town and Parish Council representatives. Again, these sessions were well attended and fully booked with waiting lists in place, with a total of 133 attendees. Updates were provided to the Council's on CIL, Development Management, Planning Policy, how to access the CMIS system and the move to paperless planning application consultations.
- 1.4 The Head of Planning and Coastal Management will provide members of the Strategic Planning Committee with a synopsis of the substantive issues which were raised at the three forums, together with the next steps including details of further engagement and dialogue with our customers. Continual engagement with all our customers, the dissemination of information and receipt of constructive feedback is seen as critical to enable the high quality function of the planning service.

2 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 This report is for information only.

RECOMMENDATION

That the contents of the report and verbal presentation is noted.

APPENDICES – None

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None