Cabinet Response to the Scrutiny Committee Recommendations

Development Management Review

Scrutiny Recommendations	Cabinet Response	Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
That the Constitution be amended as follows in respect of delegations to the Head of Planning. In particular, to reduce, where appropriate, the number of applications coming before the Planning Committee for determination (rather than being determined under officer delegation), the following criteria need to be met in order for applications to come before the Committee in respect of representations made by parish and town councils, Members of the Council and members of the public:	The recommendations from the review were thoroughly debated by the General Purposes Committee meeting on 8 March 2018 which recommended no changes be made to the Constitution. Recommendations from the General Purposes Committee were considered by the Council on 21 March 2018. Decisions of the Council cannot be changed within a six month period. The Scrutiny Committee and Task and Finish Group are thanked for their work on this review.	Cllr Gerry Lewin	James Freeman
 (a) Where parish and town councils make a representation on an application which they wish to be determined at Planning Committee, this representation needs to be submitted in writing and give detailed reasons which are relevant material considerations with the support of a Member of the Council. Additionally it will give notice that it and/or the Member of the Council will speak to the representation at Committee; (b) Members of the Council to give 			

relevant material planning considerations why an application should be determined at Planning Committee;	
(c) letters of representation, or petitions, from at least five separate addresses where the decision of the Head of Planning would conflict with these for an application to be determined at Planning Committee;	
(d) where a parish or town council and the relevant Swale Borough Council Member gives notice to attend and in the event does not attend without giving a justified reason, the Chairman of the Planning Committee shall have the right to decide whether the item should be heard or should be immediately delegated to officers	