

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2013

REPORT BY: DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE MANAGER

SUBJECT: PLANNING STRATEGY GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.01 To consider proposed terms of reference for the Planning Strategy Group.

2.00 BACKGROUND

- 2.01 Arising from the review of Member fora it was decided by Council and Cabinet that the Planning Protocol Working Group and the Development Plans Panel should be merged into a Planning Strategy Group.
- 2.02 At the first meeting of the Planning Strategy Group on the 20 December 2012 it agreed that the group should address the following and that a report on the draft terms of reference be submitted to the subsequent meeting of the group:-
- Improvements to the planning process within Flintshire;
 - Review the performance of the Planning Service and its functions;
 - Establish and review Member and officer training programmes;
 - Lead the progression of the Local Development Plan;
 - Respond to consultations from Welsh Government on planning matters;
 - Provide a forum for improved links with other critical services within and outside the Council e.g. Housing, Welsh Water / Dwr Cymru or the soon to be established Single Environment Body.
- 2.03 At the second meeting of the group on the 31 January 2013 it considered the draft terms of reference and following discussion agreed to recommend to the Constitution Committee the terms of reference attached as appendix 1.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.01 The proposed terms of reference are considered as accurately reflecting the previously agreed scope and purpose of the Planning Strategy Group. The proposed terms of reference are also based on

the previous terms of reference for the Planning Protocol Working Group but adding leading the progression of the Local Development Plan.

- 3.02 The proposed terms of reference make clear, firstly, that items for the agenda of the group can be identified from a number of different sources such as the Chair of the Planning and Development Control Committee, or County Council, or Overview & Scrutiny Committee, or Cabinet. The terms of reference also make clear that the Planning Strategy Group makes recommendations to a variety of committees or individuals such as to Council, Cabinet or Planning and Development Control Committee.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.01 That the committee agree the draft terms of reference for the Planning Strategy Group as set out in appendix 1.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

- 6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

- 10.01 None as a result of this report.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 11.01 With Planning Strategy Group

12.00 APPENDICES

- 12.01 Appendix 1 – Proposed terms of reference for Planning Strategy Group

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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