



**Scoping considerations for Scrutiny Committees
Planning Enforcement Review – proposed topic and draft outline**

<p>What is the purpose of the review – what would it achieve? Review the policy and approach of the Council toward planning enforcement activity. To ensure that it is appropriate, proportionate, meets expectations and can be delivered within resources available.</p>
<p>How would you judge if it were successful? Post review survey of customers, parish and town councils and Members.</p>
<p>What would be the distinct stages and timing of the review? Planning and Building Control service plan currently anticipates review during 2009 and completion by the end of the year. That work anticipates a review of the current policy and then consideration to be given to appropriate procedures as two phases. Current programming is for policy review to be complete and reported back to the Environment Scrutiny committee either June or Sept 09 depending on agenda.</p>
<p>How could our residents (and partners) be involved? (Location of meetings?) It would be inappropriate to seek involvement from current customers – however, for resolved cases it may be possible to call on representative groups (parish and town councils) or professional representatives. Later, the 2010 Rural Parish Conference could be used to consult/inform on new policy document. Planning Enforcement could be added to the agenda of the training/info sessions for parish and town councils already proposed for autumn 2009/spring 2010.</p>

<p>Documents/evidence/research <i>What?</i> National Enforcement Concordat National planning guidance and good practice Councils overall enforcement policy Planning enforcement policy - all documents supplied in a pack for task and finish group Members <i>Why?</i> Set the context for the provision of the service</p>	<p>Questions to be asked Is the national context understood? Is the Council's policy clear? Are their expectations met?</p>
<p>Site visits <i>Where?</i> Not relevant <i>Why?</i></p>	<p>Questions to be asked</p>

<p><i>This approach is not to considered individual cases, but the policy approach of the Council to the matter</i></p>	
<p>Support required from officers <i>Who/What?</i> <i>Planning and Building Control service area officers,</i> <i>Legal Officers</i></p> <p><i>Why?</i></p>	<p>Questions to be asked</p> <p>What are the practical issues involved with implementing the policy? Are sufficient resources available?</p>
<p>Witnesses <i>Who?</i> <i>Town and Parish Council reps (both clerks and members) and professional reps as set out above.</i></p> <p><i>Why?</i></p>	<p>Questions to be asked</p> <p>What are their expectations? Are they realistic?</p>