
REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 11 MARCH 2009

Chairman: * Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Councillors: * Husain Akhtar * Graham Henson (2)
* Don Billson * Manji Kara (1)
* Mrinal Choudhury * Julia Merison
* Keith Ferry

* Denotes Member present
(2), (1) Denote category of Reserve Members

PART I - RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION I - Proposed Changes to Structure of Strategic Planning and Development Management Committees

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, a report of the Head of Planning was admitted late to the agenda to enable the item to be discussed at the next available Council meeting.

The report set out a proposal for the rationalisation of the Strategic Planning Committee and Development Management Committee into a single committee in the interest of efficiency and effectiveness. The same report would be submitted to the Development Management Committee at its meeting on 25 March 2009.

It was noted that this was the result of a significant reduction in planning applications received by the Council as a result of the slowdown in the economy.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council): That

- (1) there be a return to a single decision making committee for all non-delegated planning decisions to be known as the Planning Committee and with the terms of reference as attached as an appendix to the report; and
- (2) any consequential and necessary amendments to the Constitution be undertaken.