

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL and MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>From: Head of Corporate Organisation</b>	<b>Report Number: JSC/17/14</b>
<b>To: Joint Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date of meeting: 1 October 2014</b>

**FOLLOW UP OF JOINT SCRUTINY ITEMS**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of action or progress made on previous recommendations and resolutions.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee note the progress made and identify those areas where further monitoring is required.

**3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications identified from this report

**4. Risk Management**

- 4.1 The report is not linked to any risks identified on the integrated significant business risk register.

**5. Consultations**

- 5.1 Officers were consulted to provide updates for this report.

**6. Equality Analysis**

- 6.1 This report has no inherent equality and diversity impact.

**7. Shared Service / Partnership Implications**

- 7.1 None.

**8. Key Information**

- 8.1 This report looks at the outcomes from the resolutions and recommendations made by the Joint Scrutiny Committee in the period February to July 2014 plus those outstanding from earlier. Full details are included in the attached Appendix A.
- 8.2 The Committee is asked to consider the outcomes and identify those areas where further monitoring of progress is still required.

## 9. Appendices

Title	Location
A. Joint Scrutiny Committee 1 October 2014 – Outcomes from Resolutions and Recommendations	Attached

## 10. Background Documents

None.

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## Joint Scrutiny Committee 1 October 2014 – Outcomes from Resolutions and Recommendations

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Resolutions and Recommendations	Progress and Outcomes
2 October 2013	REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY	<p><b>RECOMMENDED TO EXECUTIVE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>(1) That further work be carried out on the definition of partnerships.</p> <p>(2) That a review is needed so that there is a clear understanding of who we should be working with to deliver the Council's strategic priorities and the benefits and savings therein.</p> <p>(3) That the review should encompass both Councils' arrangements for Councillor representation on outside bodies. Further, it is suggested that a joint review is concluded by April 2014. In addition, a comprehensive list of all the Council's partnerships should be maintained with a clear understanding of the relationships. A policy with supporting procedures should be developed to cover all partnerships to determine the governance arrangements</p> <p><b>Executive 14 October 2013 and Strategy 17 October 2013</b> agreed 2 and 3. (It was felt that 1 would have to be considered in the context of the other recommendations)</p>	<p>The review is on-going with information on existing partnerships being collected. Our partnership arrangements will be mapped to our strategic priorities to ensure that the right resources are allocated and benefits derived and to identify opportunities for greater partnership working.</p> <p>Initial work has commenced on the review of Councillor representation on outside bodies which should be completed prior to new appointments after the next Council elections.</p> <p><b>On-going</b></p>

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4 Dec 2013	CORPORATE COMPLIMENTS, COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS	<p>Members asked for further information to be provided on various of the elements referred to in the report, including the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• number of complainants, as well as numbers of complaints</li> <li>• an indication of the relative gravity of complaints</li> <li>• District of which the complainant is a resident</li> </ul>	<p>Additional information included in annual report on Compliments, Comments and Complaints which was presented to the Joint Scrutiny meeting on 23/7/14.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
4 Dec 2013	PLANNING POLICY UPDATE	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEES</b></p> <p><b>That a planning policy group be set up to work in conjunction with the Transformation Enquiry Groups to deal specifically with planning policy matters and support the development of the planning policy framework for the two Councils.</b></p>	<p><b>Executive 13 January 2014 and Strategy 16 January 2014</b> Agreed to set up a working group.</p> <p><b>Executive 10 February 2014 and Strategy 13 February 2014</b> Members agreed that a planned, short-term, working group be established on a task and finish basis, including both senior officer and nominated Member representation. This would have the following 2 key roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To oversee an agreed overall programme of future planning policy work, including the main outputs / deliverables to be achieved</li> <li>• To agree an appropriate approach for officer / joint working in future in this regard operating on a collaborative basis that meets both service delivery needs and Member wishes to allow for their involvement in policy planning and its preparation</li> </ul>

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			<p>The group held a series of 4 meetings and reported back to <b>Executive 7 April 2014 and Strategy 10 April 2014</b></p> <p><b>On-going</b></p>
5 Feb 2014	Section 106 /CIL Arrangements	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That a timetable be provided for the development of the CIL framework</li> <li>• That the 'Strategic Planning Policy Development' task and finish group be provided with a list of issues for consideration in the further development of the strategic policy frameworks for each Council</li> <li>• That the relevant SCC officer be requested to report to SCC Councillor Locality Meetings annually on developer contribution spend in Babergh and Mid Suffolk areas.</li> </ul>	<p>A timetable was provided to <b>Strategy 8 May 2014 and Executive 12 May 2014</b> as part of an update report on CIL. Implementation of CIL is an on-going project included in the Delivery Plan and the timetable is monitored. (on track @ 04 September 2014)</p> <p>Issues fed into working group whose next meeting on 19 September 2014.</p> <p>SCC Councillor Locality meetings are no longer held so this recommendation could not be implemented.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
28 May 2014	Review of the Community Rights introduced in the Localism Act 2011	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That the Joint Committee provides a response to the DCLG request for evidence.</p>	<p>Response provided 02/09/14</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>

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23 July 2014	Planning Enforcement	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>(1) That the Conclusions in paragraph 21 of the report be taken forward for consideration as part of the impending Planning Services Transformation Project (See minutes of 23 July 2014 for full details – item earlier on agenda)</p> <p>(2) That a further report be made to the meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 25 March 2015.</p>	<p>In progress</p> <p>Progress to be reported back March 2015</p> <p><b>On-going</b></p>
	Fuel Poverty	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>(1) That a Lead Officer be identified to co-ordinate a multi-disciplinary approach to measures to alleviate fuel poverty.</p> <p>(2) That a Working Group be set up on a task and finish basis to work with the designated Lead Officer on a range of recommendations based around the matters highlighted by the Committee, with a view to reporting to the meeting scheduled for 1 October.</p>	<p>Lead officer not yet identified.</p> <p>First meeting of group 25 September 2014. Date for reporting back to Scrutiny amended to 26 November 2014.</p> <p><b>On-going</b></p>