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## REPORT OF THE POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 15 NOVEMBER 2005

### 1 REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

1.1 This Item of business was referred by the Policy and Finance Committee on 15 November 2005 to Full Council with recommendations relating to a revised committee structure. A copy of the report to the Committee is attached at Appendix A.

1.2 The Committee noted that:-

- Whilst the revised Constitution would need to be specific about the names of Committees and their terms of reference, it would be possible for documentation produced during the transitional period to provide an indication that the Development Control Committee was formerly named the Planning Services Committee and that the term 'Town and Country Planning Regulation' included the granting of planning permission.
- The involvement of outside representatives in the work of the proposed Review Committee would depend on the nature of that Committee's work at any particular point in time.
- Specific questions, such as whether woodlands and countryside should be within the terms of reference of the proposed Environmental Services Committee, would be a matter for Full Council to decide in due course when agreeing the amended Constitution. It was, however, likely that work projects would involve cross-referencing between Committees.
- The Council had previously determined that use of the term 'Local Agenda 21' was appropriate to reflect the existence of a policy but the term 'sustainability' could be used as an alternative.
- The term 'Town and Country Planning Regulation' was currently included in the Constitution.
- If Full Council agreed to adopt the proposals, associated Constitutional changes would be brought forward for agreement.

1.3 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) That, subject to Committee documentation produced during the transitional period providing an indication that the Development Control Committee was formerly named the Planning Services Committee and that the term 'Town and Country Planning Regulation' includes the granting of planning permission, the Council's Committee structure (including the names, size and terms of reference of Committees) be on the basis set out at the Appendix to the Committee report with effect from the new Municipal Year.
- (2) That the Council consider a revised Constitution to take account of these changes.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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