

Key Decision Details

Decision Name Development Management Process Working Group

Date of Decision 18 March 2010

Decision maker Cabinet

Describe the Decision taken

Agreed to investigate further the possibility of charging developers for pre-submission advice; agreed that relevant consultees and neighbours be consulted again on amended plans, except for those with very minor significance; requested that care should be exercised in relation to households that abut the development site, including over-printed envelopes with a suitable message to indicate that it is an important communication concerning a planning application; agreed that applicants be advised in the clearest terms at the outset of the process that they are unlikely to receive any further communication until all of the consultees' views had been received, which could be towards the end of the eight or thirteen week determination period; requested that members of Town and Parish Councils be encouraged to attend training on all aspects of the Development Management process; agreed that as part of the next review of the public speaking procedure for the Development Management Panel consideration be given to the possibility of a mechanism that allows external speakers to respond to what they perceive to be factually incorrect information so that the Panel can make well-informed decisions; and reiterated that the Council reinforces the message wherever possible that development that takes place without permission is discouraged and that the Council will take a robust approach concerning the retention of development where permission is subsequently refused.

What were the reasons for taking the Decision? In light of a review by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel

What alternative options were None

considered and rejected?

Conflict of interest and dispensation None

Is the decision a Key Decision? Yes

Was the decision included in the Forward Plan No

Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings? No

List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker None.

Person Making this report Mrs Helen Taylor

Date upon which the Decision will come into force, subject to no call-in 26 March 2010

Accompanying Documents notes of development management process working group

planning advisory service case study
- a Material world

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