

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCESS - FEEDBACK
(Report by the Cabinet)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18th March 2010, the Cabinet considered a report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) on the findings of a study by the Panel's Working Group regarding the Council's Development Management Process.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel established a working group to investigate the process for the determination of planning applications and make recommendations to the Cabinet where appropriate.
- 2.2 The Panel's interest in the subject was prompted by anecdotal evidence from Members of the public's concern over the pre-decision planning process.

3. DELIBERATIONS

- 3.1 In considering the Panel's recommendations, the Cabinet were advised that several of the proposals have already been implemented by the Development Management service.
- 3.2 The Cabinet acknowledges that the current process is working well, although some areas mostly relating to enforcement and public speaking at the Development Management Panel could be improved.
- 3.2 Having thanked the Working Group and the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for their input, the Cabinet has accepted and approved the recommendations submitted.

3. CONCLUSIONS

- 3.1 Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel are invited to note the contents of this report.

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