

AGENDA ITEM NO.9 – NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY PLANNING GUIDE

CABINET – 10th December 2015

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING) – 8th December 2015

The Neighbourhood and Community Planning Guide was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being). The Panel noted that the aim of the guide is to support Town and Parish Councils in the development of community planning initiatives, and in particular the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Concern was expressed that the guide did not explain who is responsible for producing a clean copy of a Neighbourhood Plan following receipt of the Examiner's report. Some Members had been briefed at Town Council level by an external consultant who stated that the responsibility for producing a clean copy lies with the District Council. The Panel expressed that it wanted clarification on this with the guide updated accordingly.

Overall though, the Panel thought that the document will become a very useful guide for Towns, Parishes and communities in undertaking neighbourhood and community planning initiatives. Members were particularly keen to express that they thought the guide was clear, easy to use and would assist many communities.