

<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>
<b>Meeting Date</b>	30 May 2018
<b>Report Title</b>	Scrutiny Committee Review of Development Management
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Gerry Lewin, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning
<b>SMT Lead</b>	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration
<b>Head of Service</b>	James Freeman, Head of Planning Services
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Bob Pullen, Policy and Performance Officer
<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Forward Plan</b>	<b>Reference number:</b>
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. That Cabinet notes the report of the Scrutiny Committee on Development Management and considers and responds to the recommendations at a subsequent Cabinet meeting.

## **1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The report at Appendix I contains the findings and recommendations of a Scrutiny Committee review of development management. The report is an interim report on officer delegations aspects of development management.
- 1.2 In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, the report is submitted to Cabinet for its consideration with a request that it responds to each of the recommendations contained within the report at a subsequent Cabinet meeting.

## **2 Background**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Committee established a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review with the following terms of reference:
  - to review the effectiveness of Swale Borough Council's development management function;
  - as necessary, to make recommendations to Cabinet
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Committee adopted the report of the Task and Finish Group in March for submission to Cabinet.
- 2.3 The General Purposes Committee met on 8 March 2018 and considered a series of working papers on possible changes to the Constitution. One of these

changes concerned Delegations to the Head of Planning and the Scrutiny Committee report formed part of the backdrop to that consideration although it was not formally part of the agenda for the General Purposes Committee meeting. The working papers considered by General Purposes Committee were subsequently submitted to Council on 21 March 2018.

### **3 Proposals**

- 3.1 The report is presented to Cabinet by the Scrutiny Committee. Cabinet are requested to consider the report and recommendations and respond to them at a future meeting.

### **4 Alternative Options**

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed.

### **5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed**

- 5.1 The Task and Finish Group consulted a wide range of individuals in the formulation of its recommendations as detailed in Appendix II of the report.

### **6 Implications**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Implications</b>
Corporate Plan	The recommendations in the report align to the Corporate Plan priority: A Borough to be proud of.
Financial, Resource and Property	The report contains recommendation which if accepted and implemented would lead, in the Committee's opinion, to financial and time savings by increasing the number of planning applications being determined under officer delegation rather than being determined by the Planning Committee.
Legal and Statutory	None identified.
Crime and Disorder	None identified.
Environmental Sustainability	None identified.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified.
Equality and	None identified.

Diversity	
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified.

## **7 Appendices**

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Scrutiny Committee – Development Management interim review report.

## **8 Background Papers**

8.1 None.