

REPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

20 JUNE 2019

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE SITE VISIT PANEL

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Development Control Committee to nominate three Members to form the Committee's Site Visit Panel, which is to comprise of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a third Member and to also nominate a reserve Member to sit on the Panel should any of the three nominated Panel Members be unavailable.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 The establishment of necessary Committees and other bodies fulfils the requirements of the Constitution and enables the Authority to work towards the successful achievement of all its Corporate Priorities.

3. Background.

- 3.1 At a meeting of the Development Control Committee on 31 May 2012 the Committee agreed to establish a Site Visit Panel.
- 3.2 The Committee at the above meeting appointed 4 of its Members to form the Panel, in order to undertake visits of planning application sites, with the composition of this Panel being as detailed in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The Annual Meeting of Council of 15 May 2019, approved the membership of the Development Control Committee and the Committee is required to consider the membership of the Site Visit Panel.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 This report accords with the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Authority's Constitution.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

- 6.1 There are no equality implications regarding this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

- 7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the long term planning of the business associated with one of the Council's Regulatory Committees, in both the short term and in the long-term.
- Prevention - Having a Development Control Site Visit Panel, promotes good governance
- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - The proper composition of the Development Control Committee Site Visit Panel assists the Committee in achieving effective decision making.
- Involvement - Establishing a Site Visit Panel allows Members to be better apprised of planning applications to be considered by Committee, in the presence of key representatives, for example local Members, Town/Community representatives, objectors from the local community, applicants/their agents, together with representation from any other key statutory undertakers, where appropriate.

8. Financial Implications.

8.1 The cost implications relating to the report will be met within existing budgets allocated for Members allowances.

9. Recommendation.

9.1 That the Development Control Committee nominate Members to sit as its Site Visit Panel, to include:

- The Chairperson of the Development Control Committee;
- The Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee;
- A third Member;
- A reserve Member (to sit on the Panel should any of the above be unavailable).

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Background documents:

Report and Minutes of the Development Control Committee of 31 May 2012 entitled Site Visit Panel