Planning Task Group – Change of Task Group Title to Planning Policy Task Group

The Planning Task Group has operated under a number of guises over recent years, including the Planning Policy Task Group and the Local Development Framework Task Group. The most recent change of title occurred in May 2013 at the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee, which resulted in the Planning Policy Task Group being, renamed the Planning Task Group.

The Leader of the Council has asked that the title of the Task Group reverts back to the Planning Policy Task Group. This will provide greater clarity for Members and members of the public as to the purpose and role of the Task Group. The Task Group deals specifically with Planning Policy matters, including the Local Plan and related Supplementary Planning and Development Plan Documents. At present the title Planning Task Group could lead Members and members of the public to believe that the Task Group is part of the Planning Committee, which is incorrect. This Task Group reports to the Cabinet, with the minutes of the Task Group appearing on Cabinet agendas for approval.

This proposal is for a name change only, the reporting structure and membership will remain the same.

Recommended:

That the Planning Task Group be renamed the Planning Policy Task Group with immediate effect.