

ITEM 09

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

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OUTCOME OF TRIAL CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PROCEDURAL RULES

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1. Purpose

To consider the outcome of the trial of changes to the Procedure for Determination of Planning Applications – Public Participation as set out in The Milton Keynes Council Constitution - Access to Information Procedure Rules, to allow the Development Control Panel a greater degree of flexibility in its interaction with objectors, applicants and officers, by enabling the Panel to question applicants, or applicants representative, and objectors, and to seek to ensure that Development Control Committee meetings are conducted in an efficient and effective manner.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee form a review group to consider the outcomes of the trial and to report to the Committee with recommendations to Council.

3. Issues and Choices

- 3.1 The procedural trials were concluded in December 2012 there now remains a need to evaluate the outcomes and make recommendations to Council to amend or retain the Procedure rules.
- 3.2 A review group consisting of the Chair and Vice Chairs would ensure that the views of all groups within the Council can be considered and a joint approach taken.

4. Implications

4.1 Policy

The recommendations from the Committee could result in a change to Access to Information Procedure Rules for as set out in the Council's Constitution.

4.2 Legal

There are no other legal or proprietary issues that require comment.

5. Background Papers:

Milton Keynes Council Constitution - Access to Information Procedure Rules