

## PART A

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date of meeting:** 20 July 2015

**Report of:** Committee and Scrutiny Officer

**Title:** Scrutiny Proposal – Management of Conservation Areas

### 1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides the Scrutiny Committee with details of a suggestion for a Scrutiny Task Group.

### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the scrutiny proposal, submitted by Councillor Rabi Martins, attached at Appendix 1 and whether to establish a Task Group.

2.2 That, if the scrutiny suggestion is agreed, Overview and Scrutiny Committee delegates to the Head of Democracy and Governance, in consultation with the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee the appointment of Councillors to the Task Group.

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### 3.0 **DETAILED PROPOSAL**

3.1 In May 2015 Councillor Rabi Martins submitted a scrutiny proposal form requesting the review of the town's conservation areas.

3.2 In accordance with normal practice the proposal was submitted to the relevant Head of Service for their views. The Head of Regeneration and Development in turn forwarded the proposal to the Planning Policy team for their comments.

3.3 The Senior Planner (Design and Conservation) responded and suggested that many aspects of the original proposal were already in place.

3.4 It was then suggested that a meeting be arranged to discuss the suggestion and to see if there were any aspects that could be developed into a review.

- 3.5 Councillor Martins, the Head of Regeneration and Development, the Senior Planner (Design and Conservation) and the Committee and Scrutiny Officer met on 29 June to review the suggestion. The updated proposal is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.6 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the attached proposal and decide whether to establish a Task Group.
- 3.7 If the Scrutiny Committee agrees to establish a Task Group, Members are asked to delegate the appointment of Members to the Head of Democracy and Governance in consultation with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.8 The Committee and Scrutiny Officer will email all non-Executive Councillors advising them of the proposed Task Group and asking them to inform her if they are interested in taking part. The names will be forwarded to the Head of Democracy and Governance and Chair for the final decision.

#### 4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

##### 4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 *The Shared Director of Finance states that there are no financial implications contained in the attached proposals at this stage.*

##### 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 4.2.1 *The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.*

#### Appendix

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Proposal from Councillor Rabi Martins

#### Background Papers

None

#### File Reference

None