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**Report of Chief Planning Officer**

**Meeting: Full Council**

**Date: 8 November 2017**

**Subject: Plans Panels Annual Report, 2016-17**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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**Summary of main issues**

1. Changes to the Council procedure rules in 2016 required that an annual report in respect of the work of Plans Panels (one report to jointly cover the three panels) be prepared and presented to full Council.
2. The annual report, covering the period 2016-17 is attached as appendix 1 to this cover report.

**Recommendation**

2. Council is asked to receive and note the annual report.

## **1.0 Purpose of this report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Council the 2016-17 Plans Panel annual report. The annual report is attached as appendix 1.

## **2.0 Background information**

2.1 Following changes to Council Procedure Rules agreed by full Council in May 2016, an annual report was to be prepared covering the work of Plans Panels (one report to jointly cover the three panels) for the consideration of full Council. The first annual report was considered by full Council in November 2016 and this annual report, covers the period 2016-17.

## **3.0 Main issues**

3.1 The report examines the contribution of the Plans Panels and the Development Plan Panel to the Council's breakthrough projects, describes the workload and activity in 2016-17, delivery of key schemes and projects and considers the contribution of the Panels in taking forward service improvements.

## **4.0 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The Plans Panel annual report for 2016-17 has been prepared by planning services in consultation with the three Plans Panel Chairs, Development Plan Panel Chair and the Executive Member for Regeneration, Transport and Planning.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration.**

4.2.1 There are no specific Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration issues arising from the report. All decisions on planning applications are made in accordance with the local plan, which has been through the appropriate Equality Impact assessment process.

### **4.3 Council Policies and Best Council Plan**

4.3.1 The annual report illustrates those areas of work undertaken by the Plans Panel which contribute to the delivery of the Council's Best Council Plan

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 This report has no specific resource implications.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 This report has no specific legal implications.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

## **5.0 Conclusions**

5.1 At the request of full Council an annual report has been prepared and presented to Council on the working on the Plans Panels.

## **6.0 Recommendations**

6.1 Council is asked to receive and note the annual report.

## **7.0 Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

None used

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.