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Report of the Director of Strategic Resources

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK AND FINISH GROUP - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to establish a task and finish group to scrutinise the development of the Local Development Framework Development Plan Documents.

2. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

2.1 The work of the scrutiny group will help the Council achieve its priority of planning and delivering a safe, attractive and environmentally friendly city.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 24 September 2008 an informal meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, Community Development Scrutiny Panel and Environment Scrutiny Panel was held to introduce the Site Allocation and the Planning Policies Development Planning Documents prior to the start of the consultation period on 14 October 2008.
- 3.2 As part of the discussions in that meeting it was suggested that a separate group should be established to undertake the detailed scrutiny work of the two documents on behalf of the three committees.

4. KEY ISSUES

4.1 A proposed terms of reference for the task and finish group is attached at Appendix 1. Membership of the group will be drawn from the membership of the three committees.

5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

5.1 That the Committee agrees to establish a task and finish group.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 If it is agreed to establish a task and finish group, the Group Secretaries will be contacted seeking nominations for the group.
- 6.2 It is expected that the first meeting of the group will be held in late November 2008.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None.

8. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft Terms of Reference

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK SCRUTINY GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

On behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, Community Development and Environment Scrutiny Panel:

- 1. To consider and comment at each relevant stage in the preparation of the Peterborough Local Development Framework Development Plan Documents.
- 2. To scrutinise the relevant key aspects of the Regional Spatial Strategy review.
- 3. To provide updates on the work of the scrutiny group to the Scrutiny Committee as and when required.
- 4. The final report of the scrutiny group will be considered and approved by the Scrutiny Committee prior to consideration by the Executive.

Membership

Membership of the Group will be up to six members drawn from amongst the membership of the Scrutiny Committee, Community Development Scrutiny Panel and Environment Scrutiny Panel.

Timescale

The Scrutiny Group will complete its work by no later than 31 December 2009 when it will be disbanded.