

SUBJECT:	Planning Policy Shared Service Review Reconsideration
REPORT OF:	<i>Leader of the Council – Councillor Isobel Darby</i>
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1. Purpose of Report

To reconsider the recommendations arising from the Planning Policy shared services review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That authority be delegated to the Head of Sustainable Development to carry out staff and Unison consultation, consider the consultation responses, determine the review outcome in consultation with both Council Cabinet Members for Sustainable Development and Personnel Committee Chairmen and to carry out all necessary action to implement the Planning Policy shared service.
2. That subject to consultation with staff and a formal agreement between the Councils, the services of staff in Chiltern District Council's Planning Policy Service be put at the disposal of South Bucks District Council under Section 113 of the Local Government Act 1972 so they can work across the two local authority areas.
3. That the Acting Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Leader and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the terms of any legal documentation required to give effect to recommendation 2 above.

2. Content of Report

The Chiltern and South Bucks Joint Committee originally considered the Business Case for a Planning Policy shared service on 16 July 2014 and agreed that there was no intention to move to a single team. However, following changed circumstances the Joint Committee reconsidered the Business Case on 26 October 2015. The confidential report to the Joint Committee is attached as a private appendix. Due to the report publication timescales, a verbal update on the outcome of that meeting will be provided to Full Council.

Following legal advice and in order to be consistent with the previous approach used for shared service reviews, Full Council are asked to formally adopt the recommendations shown above.

3. Links to Council Policy Objectives

The efficient implementation of joint services reviews is linked to the Council's Key Aims and Objectives.

Background	None
Papers:	