

Outstanding actions from Overview and Scrutiny - September 2018

MEETING DATE  AGENDA ITEM AND  MINUTE NUMBER	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION	UPDATE	TIMESCALE
OSC/3/18	Councillors asked if the Fenland District Council Business Centres were fulfilling their purpose as incubator units for businesses or are firms locating to them permanently.	<b>AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	
OSC/3/18	Councillors are seeking clarification regarding whether or not the GRANTFINDER software is the same software the Council previously used.	<b>AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION</b>	
OSC/3/18	Members requested statistics relating to other sectors including Agriculture and Retail	Require some further clarification from Cllr Booth on the statistics required in relation to this action	
OSC/4/18	Based on the success of the shared Planning service, was there a possibility to widen this to include other Local Authorities in the area for example in relation to a wider shared technical team function. Councillors felt this would solve issues with recruitment and allow expertise to be shared amongst each Council.	The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood planning Cllr Mrs Dee Laws will consider this recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny alongside the recommendations arising from the recent PAS review.	

<b>OSC/4/18</b>	Members suggested that improvements be made to the management of large planning applications as anecdotal evidence would suggest this is an area in which delays are experienced	The Planning Advisory Service (PAS) review has now concluded following which there will be a number of resulting recommendations which Members and Officers will work towards implementation	
<b>OSC/4/18</b>	Members recommended that future changes to policies for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be highlighted as this enables any amendments to be easily identified	Agreed The Overview and Scrutiny Officer will advise Officer colleagues accordingly to ensure this is implemented in relation to all policy updates.	