

COUNCIL MEETING 29 JULY 2021

QUESTIONS RECEIVED from Members:

Councillor Farmer to ask:

In November 2019, The Council engaged the Planning Officers' Society Enterprises (POSe) to assist the Council in carrying out a Peer Review of the Council's Development Management Service.

Development Management (DM) is one of the principal front-line services provided by the Council in its role as the Local Planning Authority. The functions provided by the service cover a variety of matters including pre-application discussions and advice, the determination of planning applications, dealing with planning appeals, planning enforcement, and dealing with heritage matters.

DM is one of the most public facing services that the Council provides.

POS Enterprises issued their final report on 31st December 2019, which highlighted recommendations for where this key service could be improved.

An action plan, responding to the recommendations made by POSe, was reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny, and subsequently approved by Cabinet in December 2020.

What specific progress has been made in the implementation of this critical action plan and what evidenced improvements to the Development Management service have subsequently been achieved?

Councillor Butcher to ask:

Can you please confirm how many dogs have been reunited with their owners and how many strays have been found new homes since the dog warden service was transitioned to the new providers (SDK)?