

Proposal form for items for consideration by Scrutiny Committee



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Item for Consideration: S.106

Expected outcome (i.e. new policy, new action, new partnership, review and/or scrutinise the performance of other public bodies or of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas):

Increased staffing to deal with the workload and speed up the S.106 process.

Priority for matter to be considered (please tick):

High (up to 3 months)	X
Medium (3 to 6 months)	
Low (over 9 months)	

Basis on which priority has been set:

The suggested item should be included in future programme(s) because: (please tick as appropriate)

a) It is a district level function over which the district has some control	X
b) It is a recently introduced policy, service area of activity which would be timely to review	
c) It is a policy which has been running for some time and is due for review	X
d) It is a major proposal for change	
e) It is an issue raised via complaints received	X
f) It is an area of public concern	X
g) It is an area of poor performance	
h) It would be of benefit to residents of the district	X

Which of the Council's objectives does the issue address?: Transparency and openness

Is there a deadline for the Council to make a decision? (If so, when and why?): S.106 has inherent deadlines, so I would like this considered as a matter of priority, ideally during the current budget setting process.

Members are requested to provide information on the following:-

What do you wish to achieve from the review?: For the process to be more open, greater accessibility, and to speed the process up.

Are the desired outcomes likely to be achievable?: Yes

Will it change/increase efficiency and cost effectiveness?: Yes

Additional information – an explanatory sentence or paragraph to be provided below to support each box which has been ticked:

I would like S106 to be put on Scrutiny as I have concerns that it takes forever to actually move forward with getting anything done. I believe that some of the reasons for this are due to being under staffed and at the moment due to Covid 19 the members of staff that deal with s106 keep being removed from their position and taken elsewhere, meaning their workload just keeps growing.

Looking at the form I believe it is something that scrutiny can look into and should. I also think it is something that needs looking at sooner rather than later.

Please can you return the completed form to Democratic Services via email to democraticservices@eastdevon.gov.uk.

MONITORING OFFICER COMMENTS

It is within Scrutiny's remit to consider this matter. It should be noted though that there is a SWAP audit in progress to review S106 / CIL and the brief description of work is that it will look at how S106/CIL are being used by the Authority as well as arrangements for monitoring delivery of obligations and management of money. It might be prudent for the Committee to await the outcome of the SWAP audit before progressing this matter to enable it to be taken into account

Date: 2 December 2020