

**MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(PARAGRAPH 5.20 OF PART 4 (EXECUTIVE) OF THE CONSTITUTION)**

a) Performance Monitoring (*Minute 6 , Scrutiny Committee – 15 July 2014*)

Members considered a report which summarised performance across the Council to the end of May 2014. Members were asked to consider three performance indicators which were performing 10% or more below their target with a commentary from Officers explaining the reasons and detailing any plans to improve performance. If actions taken were not deemed sufficient, the report recommended referring those indicators to Cabinet for further assessment.

The Committee noted that 73.6% of planning applications had been validated within 5 days in the period of April and May 2014, although the target was 87.5%. It was likely the significant increase in major planning applications received and the imminent introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy were having a short term impact on performance. It was thought that an increase in major applications could have an impact upon the rest of the service. The Committee had concerns at the performance and wanted Cabinet to consider, in the context of reduced resources across the Council, what resources were available to deal with any increases in the number of applications, particularly major applications.

Resolved: That the Committee's concerns with LPI DC 001 be referred to Cabinet and that Cabinet be asked to consider what resources were available to deal with any increases in the number of planning applications, particularly major planning applications.