

## **REVIEW OF THE PLANNING PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT PROTOCOL AND FEE CHARGING SCHEDULE 2024/25**

### **Item HP 23/36 referred from Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee of 14 December 2023**

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health set out the proposed amendment to the Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) Protocol following a review of the existing Protocol, including the introduction of an Inception Meeting. A revised Planning Performance Agreement Protocol was attached at Annex 1 and a copy of the Inception Meeting template was provided at Annex 2. Furthermore, a revised Planning Performance Agreement Charging Schedule for 2024/25 was proposed for consideration by Members as set out in Annex 3.

Members noted that the PPA fees were set on a cost recovery only basis, however, the current fee schedule associated with PPAs did not recover the full costs of the service. Therefore, a revised fee schedule was proposed taking into review the Borough Council's hourly charging rates and the best estimate of timescales to cover all aspects of the PPA service. Furthermore, a baseline review had been undertaken across the Kent authorities to review charging schedules for those authorities. Nonetheless, it was recognised that not all development sizes were suitable to progress through a PPA.

**RECOMMENDED\***: That with effect from 1 April 2024

- (1) the amendment and the publication of the Planning Performance Agreement Protocol, attached at Annex 1, be approved;
- (2) the Inception Meeting template, attached at Annex 2, be adopted; and
- (3) the updated Planning Performance Agreement Charging Schedule for 2024/25, as attached at Annex 3 and set out in 1.3.13 of the report, be adopted.

**\*Recommended to Cabinet**