

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND SKILLS)**

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### **Shale Gas Working Group Position Report - Update**

The Chief Planning Officer has advised that the Council's response to the two Government consultations on permitted development for shale exploration and the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project criteria for shale production projects have been approved by Councillor Veidman, Cabinet Member – Planning and Building Control and submitted to Government as part of the consultation process.

There is nothing else material to update the Committee on because the Good Practice and Expectations Document (Action 2) for shale gas and oil development projects will need to be updated on the basis of the Government's final position on the following three matters:

- (1) Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy consultation on Inclusion of Shale Gas Production Projects in the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Regime;
- (2) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation Permitted development for shale gas exploration; and
- (3) proposed Government consultation on community participation and engagement (yet to be launched by proposed Autumn 2018).

Once the Government position is published the Good Practice and Expectations Document can be amended and reported to a future meeting of the Committee.