



REPORT OF: THE DIRECTOR OF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
TO: PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
ON: 19th APRIL 2018
ORIGINATING SECTION: DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICE
WARDS AFFECTED: ALL
COUNCILLORS: ALL

TITLE OF REPORT:

**Letter to Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government
regarding fees relating to retrospective planning applications**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the response received from the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government to the letter sent by the Council dated 19th February 2018

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall at the meeting on the 15th February 2018, that approval was granted for a letter to be sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to look at increasing the planning fees to take into account retrospective planning applications. A copy of the letter sent on the 19th February is attached to this report.

3. RATIONALE

- 3.1 A response was received on the 9th March from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, welcoming the views made by the Council. However, they state that a higher fee is not charged for retrospective planning applications as the costs to process these applications is not considered to significantly differ to justify a higher charge. A copy of the full response is attached to this report.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1. None

10. RECOMMENDATION

10.1.1 (i) That the Committee note the content of the letter from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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Background Papers: none