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BACKGROUND:

Together with other local councils within the BCP area HWPC commissioned a report from planning consultant Jo Witherden into the ways that various local planning authorities organise their planning committee function.

Essentially our case was to seek a change from a single planning committee that exists today to three committees, 1 for each of Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole.

Our request was heard by the BCP Overview & Scrutiny Board on Monday 15th November. I presented the report and was supported by the Chair of Hurn Parish Council.

The Board rejected our request for change but following a plea from Cllr Lesley Deadman it did agree the matter could be brought back to them again next Summer. Personally I would doubt that this will change anything but it was a valiant effort to keep the matter live.

Although unsuccessful, I think that was a very important attempt to secure change and the money we spent on the report was, in my opinion, very much worthwhile.

It is probably worth noting that whilst any resident of BCP has a right to make a request to the O&S Board, this was the first and only occasion it has happened.

RECOMMENDATION:

To note this report.