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## **QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Response by the Portfolio Holder:

The redesign of the Planning Service resulted in a small reduction in the number of Planners tasked with processing planning applications. This reduction was less than 1 full time equivalent. Whilst it is acknowledged that experience has been lost due to Planners choosing to leave to pursue alternative employment, the Service area has been successful in redeploying staff into this area and in recruiting three new Planners. The team is working hard to process applications as quickly as possible but this effort has been impacted by the redeployment of staff due to covid-19. I can confirm that all redeployed staff have now returned to the service area and the recovery is being aided by the temporary redeployment of Planning Policy staff to help with applications.