

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT OF PLANNING PROTOCOL 22nd January 2009

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of changes made by the Monitoring Officer to the Planning Protocol in order to implement a resolution of Council.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the report be noted.

1.0 Report

1.1 At its meeting on the 19th November 2008, Council resolved "That Cabinet Members should not sit on the Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee for items directly related to those which have been previously considered by Cabinet (whether they were at that particular Cabinet or not)".

1.2 This followed a recommendation from the Council's Audit Committee, which had considered whether a restriction should be imposed on Cabinet Members taking part in the determination of planning applications to avoid any situations where there might be a perception of predetermination or bias.

1.3 This risk was referred to in section 8 of the Council's Protocol on Planning Procedure, and, as a result of the Council resolution, a consequential change to this section was required. The Monitoring Officer has therefore amended the section, and copies of the original version and the amended version are appended to this report for the Committee's information.

2.0 Conclusion

2.1 The Committee is requested to note the report.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her role as the Committee's adviser.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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