

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF PROTOCOL ON PLANNING PROCEDURE 13th September 2007

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To enable the Committee to consider proposed amendments to the Protocol on Planning Procedure, and to make recommendations to Council as appropriate.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Committee consider the revised Planning protocol appended to the report, and make recommendations to Council as to the content of the Protocol, which forms part of the Constitution.

1.0 Proposal Details

1.1 The Committee last reviewed the Protocol on Planning Procedure at its meeting on the 16th June 2005.

1.2 However, in the light of the revised Model Code of Conduct adopted by Council on the 21st May 2007, the Protocol requires further amendment, and the Monitoring Officer has prepared a suggested amended version which is appended to this report for the Committee's consideration. The "tracking" identifies where changes have been made to the current version.

1.3 In addition to taking account of the provisions of the new Code of Conduct, the amendments take account of recent advice from the Standards Board, good practice recommended by the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors (ACSeS), and recent case law.

1.4 Members are asked to consider the amended version, and any other amendments that they may wish to make, with a view to recommending Council to adopt a revised version for inclusion in the Constitution

2.0 Details of Consultation

2.1 There has been no consultation on this proposal, although officers in Planning and Legal Services have been given the opportunity to comment. It is for the Committee

to advise the Council on suitable protocols, and the purpose of this report is to enable the Committee to consider any suitable amendments before making recommendations to Council.

3.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the suggested amendments, but it is open to the Committee to recommend any other alternative wording to Council.

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 The views of the Committee are sought.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

None arising from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted on the proposed amendments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring officer in her capacity as adviser to the Standards Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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