
REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 9
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Council consider the recommendation from the Environmental and Development Services Committee held on 4th June, 2015.
- 1.2 That subject to any amendments by Council, the Planning Code of Good Practice (Appendix A) be approved and adopted.
- 1.3 That the Planning Code of Good Practice is included within Part 5 of the Council's Constitution and replaces the existing Code.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 Following consideration by the Environmental and Development Services Committee on 4th June, 2015, to seek the approval of the Council's Planning Code of Good Practice which is based on the Model Code. The Model Code has been produced by the national body 'Lawyers in Local Government (LLG)'.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Environmental and Development Services Committee has considered the proposed Planning Code of Good Practice and recommends that it is adopted subject to the following amendment of Section 7 Site Visits/Inspections

- 'Do attend site visits organised by the Council.'

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Code takes account of best practice and assists the Council to fulfil its statutory duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for both Members and Officers.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The Code builds on the Council's good governance arrangements and promotes transparency and integrity within the Planning decision making process.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 The Code seeks to maintain the ability for the community to witness the practices and procedures employed by the Council in its function as the Local Planning Authority.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Planning Code of Good Practice.