
REPORT TO:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
DATE OF MEETING:	2 ND SEPTEMBER 2004	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	MEMBERS' PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That any comments on the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice be referred to the Full Council.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To consider a Members' Planning Code of Good Practice prior to referral to the Full Council for adoption.

4.0 Detail

4.1 At its Meeting held on 24th August 2004, the Council's Development Control Committee considered a proposed Members' Planning Code of Good Practice. A copy of the report and proposed Code are attached at Annexe 'A' and any comments made by the Committee will be reported to the Meeting.

4.2 The proposed Code has been adapted for this Council's purposes from the model Code prepared by the Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors and is designed to assist and protect Members during their involvement in the various stages of the planning process. The Code will supplement the existing Members' Code of Conduct, which all Members have agreed to observe in a written undertaking.

4.3 It was felt that the Code of Good Practice should be referred to the Standards Committee for any comments prior to final consideration and adoption by the Full Council.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 Article 8.02 of the Council's Constitution provides that a role of the Standards Committee is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for Councillors and Co-opted Members.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 Proposed Planning Code of Good Practice