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Report Title

PROBITY IN PLANNING PROTOCOL

Recommendations

That Council adopts the new Probity in Planning Protocol in place of the existing protocol in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution but with Appendix 3 of the existing Protocol (on Speaking at Planning Committee Meetings) being retained as an Appendix to the new Protocol.

Background

A revised Protocol on Probity in Planning has been drafted as part of the improvements to the Planning Service which the Council are seeking to implement in response to the Audit Commission's Service Inspection Report published last September.

The Council have had a protocol on Probity in Planning for some years, which has been subject to minor revision at times. The present draft however is a complete rewriting of the Protocol to put it into a more accessible format of "do's" and "don'ts", and to take account of the Revised Model Code of Conduct and the revised Scheme of Delegations agreed by Council at their last meeting.

A draft of the new Protocol was taken to Standards Committee on 10 July 2007 and received their full endorsement.

It is intended that the Rules on Public Speaking at Planning Committee contained in Appendix 3 of the present Protocol will remain unchanged.

Background Papers

Audit Commission Service Inspection Report: Environment Planning Services
September 2006

Existing Protocol in Council's Constitution

Report to Standards Committee 10 July 2007

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