

PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Tuesday, 28 June 2022

19. REVISED PROTOCOL FOR COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS DEALING WITH PLANNING MATTERS AND RELATED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The Principal Solicitor - Planning and Regeneration presented the report on Revised Protocol for Councillors and Officers Dealing with Planning Matters and Related Constitutional Changes.

The report sought the views of Planning Committee with regard to proposed revisions to the Planning Protocol which were recommended in order to reflect recent changes to the Code of Conduct for Elected and Co-opted Members.

Amendments were also recommended to officer delegations contained at Part 3 of the Constitution (Appendix 2) and which were referenced within the Protocol. Other updates had been made to the site visit protocol and public speaking arrangements.

The opportunity had also been taken to reflect recent changes to officer job titles and to provide greater clarity with regard to the requirement to report excessive lobbying to officers.

The report advised that agreed comments of the Planning Committee alongside those of Standards Committee, following its meeting of 4 July 2022, would be considered by Council at its meeting on 12 July 2022, prior to its adoption of an updated Protocol and any related constitutional changes.

- * **Resolved that the Protocol for Councillors and Officers Dealing with Planning Matters and Related Constitutional Changes be agreed and approved without comments.**