

# Planning Protocol

## Planning Policy Committee Thursday, 22 September 2022

Report of: Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

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Purpose: For decision

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Publication status: Open

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Wards affected: All

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### Executive summary:

This report presents a proposed, updated Planning Protocol for the Committee's consideration. As the Protocol forms part of the Constitution, adoption of a new version is subject to ratification by Full Council.

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**This report supports the Council's priority of:** 'Building a better Council'

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### Recommendation to Committee:

That the proposed new Planning Protocol, attached at Appendix A, be recommended to Full Council for adoption.

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### Reason for recommendation:

As the current Planning Protocol was adopted in December 2011, a review is long overdue. The Protocol is contained within the Council's constitution (Part F), substantive amendments to which are among the powers reserved for Full Council. The Committee's decision is, therefore, required to be in the form of a recommendation, to be determined by Council on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

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## **Introduction and background**

- 1 The purpose of the Planning Protocol is to guide Members and Officers in the discharge of the Council's statutory planning functions.
- 2 A proposed updated version has been prepared and shared with Members as part of a Zoom briefing on 5<sup>th</sup> September. The draft protocol at Appendix A reflects the comments and suggestions made by Members during that briefing.
- 3 The revised procedures and recommendations developed within the proposed protocol have been reached after consideration of best practice in other local authorities.

## **Key implications**

### **Comments of the Chief Finance Officer**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **Comments of the Head of Legal Services**

The adoption of the updated and revised planning protocol will undoubtedly assist the Council deliver an improved, effective, transparent and inclusive development management service for the benefit of all stakeholders.

### **Equality**

There are no specific equalities implications.

### **Climate change**

There are no specific climate change implications.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A – proposed new Planning Protocol

### **Background papers**

None

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