

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

Summary

1. This report asks Members to refer a revised Planning Code of Good Practice for consultation with relevant Members and Officers.

Background

2. In 2003 the Council adopted a Planning Code of Good Practice which supplemented the Code of Conduct. That was considered to be good practice supported by the Local Government Association and the Association of County Secretaries and Solicitors (ACSeS). Although it has had some revision since that time the current Code is now very outdated having failed to keep pace with developments in relation to the predetermination rules and not yet having been updated in light of last year's changes to the standards regime. The Code is, however, still part of the Council's Constitution and can be found here:

<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD569&ID=569&RPID=6683781&sch=doc&cat=12830&path=12830>

3. A substantially revised draft Code is annexed to this report. It takes elements from the existing Code and has regard to a Model Code prepared by ACSeS but has been updated in light of the Localism Act 2011.

Recommendations

4. Members are recommended to:
 - 1) Identify any changes that they would like to see to the draft Planning Code

Reason: To add further clarity to the code.

- 2) Ask the Monitoring Officer to consult relevant Members and Officers on the draft Code and report the outcome of that consultation to the next meeting of this Committee.

Reason: To ensure that any new Code is fit for purpose.

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Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annexes

Annex A – Draft Planning Code of Practice