

**Joint Standards Committee**

**5th July 2017**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Planning Panels**

**Background**

1. At the last meeting Members approved for consultation a draft code of conduct for Planning Panel Members. Initial and helpful feedback has been received from the Communities and Equalities team who support the Ward Committees from which Planning Panels are drawn. While supportive of the principles underpinning the code they have suggested that some changes to the wording could help the code being received more positively.
2. A slightly revised draft code is therefore attached. Subject to Members' approval the Communities and Equalities team will seek further feedback from Panels and Panel Members which will be reported back to the Committee.

**Recommendations**

3. Members are recommended to approve the revised draft code for consultation with planning panel members.

Reason: To ensure that Planning Panels can command public confidence.

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**Report  
Approved**

**Date** 22/6/17

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

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Annex 1**

**Draft Code of Conduct for Planning Panels**

**Background Papers:**

None