

Report to: **Council**

Date: **24 July 2018**

Title: **FORMATION OF MEMBERS' PLANNING CODE OF PRACTICE WORKING GROUP**

Portfolio Area: **All**

Wards Affected: **All**

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken:
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision) **Immediately following this meeting.**

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council RESOLVES, with immediate effect and for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal Year, that:

- 1. a Members' Planning Code of Practice Working Group be formally established;**
- 2. Cllrs Cheadle, Lamb, Mott, Parker, Pearce and Roberts be appointed to serve on this Working Group; and**
- 3. the draft Terms of Reference (as set out at Appendix A) be approved.**

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report seeks to formally establish the Members' Planning Code of Practice Working Group.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its Annual meeting held on 22 May 2018, the Council considered the review of the Council Constitution (Minute CM 8 refers).
- 2.2 In so doing, the Council recognised the wishes of the Audit Committee for a draft version of the Members' Code of Planning Practice to be '*presented for approval as soon as is practically possible*' (Minute AC 40 refers).
- 2.3 Whilst this objective had been achieved and a draft version had been presented for approval, some Members felt that greater consideration should be given to its contents. As a result, the Council resolved that:
- 'The draft Members' Code of Planning Practice (as outlined at Appendix A of the presented agenda report) be deferred to the Council meeting on 24 July 2018 for further consideration.'*
- 2.4 Since this decision was made, further consideration has been given to the most appropriate means of undertaking this review. On balance, it is felt most appropriate for a cross party Working Group of Members to be appointed for this purpose.
- 2.5 Both Group Leaders have been consulted and the following nominations have been put forward: Cllrs Cheadle, Lamb, Mott, Parker, Pearce and Roberts.
- 2.6 A draft set of Terms of Reference for this Working Group have been produced and are set out at Appendix A for approval.

3. Options available and consideration of risk

- 3.1 It is hoped that a detailed review by the Working Group will ensure that a version of the Code is approved in line with the wishes of the Audit Committee (i.e. as soon as is practically possible).

4. Implications

Legal/Governance		As part of the formal appointments process, it is a Council requirement to approve such matters.
Financial		There are no additional financial implications directly related to this report
Risk		There are no additional risks directly related to this report.
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		

Equality and Diversity		There are no equality and diversity implications directly related to this report.
Safeguarding		There are no safeguarding implications directly related to this report.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		There are no community safety or crime and disorder implications directly related to this report.
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		There are no health, safety and wellbeing implications directly related to this report.
Other implications		N/A

Supporting Information

Appendices:

A – Draft Working Group Terms of Reference

Background Papers:

Council Constitution

Audit Committee agenda and minutes – 20 March 2018 meeting

Annual Council summons and minutes – 22 May 2018 meeting