

**Development Control Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

**Report of the Monitoring Officer**

**Members' Planning Code of Good Practice**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider amendments to the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice.

**Background**

2. At its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2006 the Council approved a recommendation of the Standards Committee with regard to the adoption of the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice.
3. As a result of the new Members' Code of Conduct approved in July 2007 a number of consequential amendments to the Planning Code of Good Practice are required. A copy of the Planning Code of Good Practice indicating the consequential amendments is attached at Appendix 1. The revised draft also includes a number of changes recommended by officers by way of clarification or to emphasise the importance of a particular issue.
4. At its meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 the Standards Committee recommended approval of the revised draft subject to any comments made by the Development Control Committee.
5. A final decision on the revised draft will be taken by the Council at its meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

**Finance**

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Law**

7. Section III of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do any thing which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of the Council's functions as local planning authority.
8. The Members' Planning Code of Good Practice is included in the Constitution.

## **Equality Impact**

9. The Members' Planning Code of Good Practice complies fully with the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity and does not have any direct implications for children and young people within the borough.

## **Recommendation**

10. That, the Council be recommended to approve the revised Members' Planning Code of Good Practice.

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## **List of Background Papers**

1. Members' Code of Conduct.