

Decisions of the Standards Committee held on Wednesday 13 November 2013

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DECISIONS:

1. MONITORING OFFICER'S REPORT ON COMPLAINTS

No decision was passed in respect of this item.

(Suzan Hemingway - 01274 432496)

2. REVIEW OF THE PLANNING CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved –

(1) That progress to date towards the review and updating of the Members Planning Code of Conduct contained in the Appendix to Document “B” be noted and the City Solicitor be instructed to undertake further consultation with the relevant portfolio holder and planning chairs with a view to agreeing a finalised version for consideration by the Governance and Audit Committee for adoption by Council, including the particular issues set out below:

- (i) The requirement for a member of a committee or panel to make a disclosable pecuniary interest and leave the meeting.
- (ii) The requirement for a Councillor to make a disclosable pecuniary interest and leave the meeting in all other circumstances.
- (iii) The requirement for the Monitoring Officer to amend the Members Code of Conduct to reflect (i) and (ii) above.
- (iv) The recognition that, in the absence of legislative clarity, the Codes will be kept under review in order to keep them up to date.
- (v) The question of whether the membership of the planning bodies could be constituted to avoid ward conflicts.

(2) That the Assistant Director, Planning, Highways and Transportation be



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requested to investigate the Committee's concerns about the informal pre-application process and transparency and report his findings to a future meeting of the Committee.

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