

STANDARDS COMMITTEE**24 October 2013****Minute Extract****292. PLANNING PROTOCOL - REVISION**

(Report ST102 refers)

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Legal Services, setting out a revised form of the Planning Protocol. The revisions took account of changes to standards introduced by the Localism Act 2011, together with the new Code of Conduct which the City Council had adopted as a consequence. It was noted that the Planning Development Control Committee had been consulted on the draft Protocol at their annual informal session to review working practices.

During discussion, the clarity of the wording of paragraphs 2.14 and 2.15 in the draft was queried. It was agreed that those paragraphs should be deleted and replaced with the following to make the position clear:-

2.14 If a personal interest in an item of business is also a prejudicial one, a Member may remain to ask questions or make representations (see paragraph 2.15 below) but in the planning context must then leave the room (unless a dispensation has been given) and not seek to improperly influence the decision.

2.15 Where a Member has a personal and prejudicial interest, the Code of Conduct allows a Member to remain to make representations or answer questions, but only where the committee procedures allow the public to do the same. After making such representations, the Member must withdraw from the meeting. However, this allowance does not apply where the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (in which case the Member cannot remain in the room during any part of the item).

RECOMMENDED:

**THAT, SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE AMENDMENT, THE
REVISED PLANNING PROTOCOL BE APPROVED AND
ADOPTED.**