

Committee: STANDARDS COMMITTEE	Date: 17 June 2008	Classification: UNRESTRICTED	Report No.	Agenda Item No.
Report Of: Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)		Title: Planning Code of Conduct		
Originating Officer: Isabella Freeman		Wards Affected: All		

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the Committee on 15 April 2008, Members commented on proposed amendments to the Planning Code of Conduct.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree the Planning Code of Conduct attached as Appendix A (which has now been revised to take account of the comments received from Members at their last meeting) and to recommend adoption of the revised Code by full Council on 25 June 2008.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED) SECTION 100D
LIST OF "BACKGROUND PAPERS" USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

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3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Standards Committee has particular responsibility for advising the Council on proposed changes to the codes and protocols which form part of the Authority's ethical framework.
- 3.2 At the last meeting of the Committee on 15 April 2008, Members comments were invited on a number of amendments to the Council's Planning Code of Conduct to reflect the new Code of Conduct for Members adopted by full Council last September.
- 3.3 The revised Planning Code of Conduct attached at Appendix A has now been amended to take account of Members' comments and improve the clarity of the Code's provisions.

4. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising out of this report.

5. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICE)

- 5.1 This report has been prepared by the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services) who is also the Council's Monitoring Officer and incorporates legal comments.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Maintaining a robust ethical governance framework, including updating the Planning Code of Conduct, is essential to the operation and reputation of the Authority.

7. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no specific equal opportunity implications arising out of this report.

8. ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no specific anti-poverty implications arising out of this report.

9. SAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report has no immediate implications for the Council's policy of strategic action for a greener environment.