

## COUNCIL MEETING – 22 APRIL 2010

### Recommendation to Council from the Standards Committee held on 26 February 2010

#### STD/08/55 **Planning Code Review**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources which informed of the proposed amendments to the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice.

The Local Government Association revised its advice on the Code for Site Visits and the Planning Code of Good Practice, Officers have provided copies of the Codes with the proposed changes in italics. The Codes had been an amalgamation of the legacy authorities Codes. It was noted that the Codes sit within the Council's Constitution. The proposed changes were presented to the Development Management Committee at their 20 January 2010 meeting and were endorsed without change.

The main changes included the ability for Members to be involved in preapplication discussions for large sites within their wards. This would bring the code in line with National advice. It was noted that Members must have an Officer present for transparency.

It was felt that the changes were a step forward and were welcomed.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1. that the changes to the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice and Code of Practice for the Conduct of Site Inspections as set out in Appendix "A" to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources, be endorsed.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

***that the Council be recommended to amend and adopt the Members' Planning Code of Good Practice of the Constitution as set out in Appendix "A" to the report of the Director of Corporate Resources.***

The papers for this meeting can be found at:-

<http://mod.gov:9071/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=645&MId=3073&Ver=4>