

## PART A

### **3 AMENDMENTS TO THE PROTOCOL ON PLANNING – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND PLANNING POLICY (A.1118/EWJ)**

#### **Proposal**

1. To approve revisions to the Planning Protocol following revised guidance from the Standards Board.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Authority be recommended to adopt the Protocol on Planning Development Control and Planning Policy with the amendments set out in Annex 1 of the report.**

#### **Policy/Legal Background**

3. The statutory functions of the Standards Committee include promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and assisting the Members to observe the Code of Conduct. It is a function of the Committee to recommend to the Authority the adoption of relevant Protocol to support the Code of Conduct.
4. The Planning Protocol was adopted by the Authority in June 2003 following a recommendation from this Committee.
5. Advice from the Standards Board has clarified some aspects of the Code of Conduct which affects the wording of the adopted Code.

#### **Key Issues**

6. The original Protocol was prepared on the basis of guidance from the Standards Board that was available at that time.
7. The operation of the Code over the last 4 years has lead to more detailed guidance from the Standards Board. This is particularly in the areas of membership of lobbying groups, the representative role and “dual hatted members”.
8. The proposed amendments to the Protocol takes account of this advice.

**APPENDIX**

**Background**

1. No additional background information is necessary.

**Resources**

2. Current stocks of the Protocol are low so there will be no additional resource implications arising from printing the revised version.

**Risk Management**

3. The Protocol needs to be brought up to date to ensure that Members are operating in the framework of the most recent statutory guidance.

**Human Rights, Equalities, Health & Safety**

4. The Protocol respects all Human Rights and equalities issues. There are no health and safety implications.

**Consultees**

5. None necessary.

**Enclosures**

6. Annex 1: Protocol on Planning Development Control and Planning Policy – Proposed amended paragraphs.

**List of Background Papers** (not previously published)

7. None

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