

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

The Members' Code of Conduct Committee has met once since the last Council meeting, on 24 September 2019, and considered the following items of business.

1. Review of the Planning Code

- 1.1 The Committee reviewed the Planning Code and suggested clarification of some areas where there may be ambiguity.
- 1.2 The Committee agreed that the Head of Corporate Governance should report back to the next meeting with proposed changes to the code.

2. Members' Induction Training

- 2.1 The Committee discussed induction training generally, whether planning training should be mandatory and members' non-attendance at these events.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed that the Head of Corporate Governance should investigate alternative forms of training and ask Group Leaders for their comments on attendance at training events.

3. Complaint updates

- 3.1 The Committee received updates on two complaints against councillors.
- 3.2 The investigation into a complaint against one councillor was ongoing, but was expected to be concluded in the near future.
- 3.3 The other complaint had been considered by the Monitoring Officer but dismissed as frivolous. The Independent Person had reviewed the decision and agreed the complaint should not be upheld.

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Chairman of the Members' Code of Conduct Committee

24 October 2019