

MEMORANDUM: LORD MAYOR

DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECTED MEMBERS

## **PLANNING PROCESS - ETHICS**

Meeting: City Planning Committee Meeting date: 9 May 2022

Raised by: Alderman Briscoe

## Question:

Can the Director advise if the planning process requires ethical decision making, if it does what are the factors in ethical decision making that we consider in our planning process?

## Response:

Through a combination of mandatory steps which are requirements of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, the Council's own customer service commitments which may be accessed on our <u>website</u>, and the strong governance processes which are followed, our planning assessments and decisions are made in an ethical way.

## This ensures:

- the public is able to gain an understanding of our planning processes or a particular application by calling our duty planner during business hours;
- members of the public have access to view discretionary planning applications through the advertising and notification processes, and to make a representation in relation to a proposal;
- if more than two objections are received then an application will be considered by the City Planning Committee and representors are able to make a deputation to further address any concern or support for a proposal.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.

Neil Noye

**DIRECTOR CITY LIFE** 

Date: 15 July 2022

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