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| SUBJECT: | PLANNING COMMITTEE PROTOCOL – WESTERN GROWTH CORRIDOR APPLICATION |
| REPORT BY: | CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK |
| LEAD OFFICER: | CAROLYN WHEATER, CITY SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER |

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider and approve a Planning Committee Protocol, as detailed at Appendix A to this report, for the meeting of the Council when it sits as the Planning Committee to consider the planning application on the Western Growth Corridor.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2006 the Council resolved to reserve decision-making on the planning application for the Western Growth Corridor to the Council sitting as the Planning Committee.

- 2.2 Part 5 of the Council's Constitution includes Probity in Planning: Code of Practice, a guide to procedures and protocol for Councillors and Officers involved in making decisions on planning applications and other planning matters. It is proposed the protocol, as set out at Appendix A, will temporarily amend specific provisions contained within Part 5 of the Constitution for the meeting of the Planning Committee when it considers the application on the Western Growth Corridor. All other existing provisions will apply. These proposed changes will only apply for the consideration of the Western Growth Corridor application, and include:

- Extending the number of people permitted to speak either objecting to or in support of the application from one to five in each case.
- Amending the deadlines for registering to speak, including ward councillors, and for information to be included in the 'Update Sheet' to 4.00 pm five clear working days prior to the meeting.
- Setting out the process for requesting to speak.
- Setting out the process for the answering of questions.

3. Equality Implications

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The protocol, as set out at Appendix A, will temporarily amend provisions contained within Part 5 of the Constitution for the meeting of the Planning Committee for when it considers the application on the Western Growth Corridor.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 None arising from this report.

6. Recommendation

6.1 That the Planning Committee Protocol – Western Growth Corridor, as set out at Appendix A, be approved.

List of Background Papers: Part 5 of the Constitution: Codes and Protocols

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