



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Standards Committee

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REPORTING OFFICER: Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
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SUBJECT: **GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE
MALTON DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
STEERING GROUP OR ANY OTHER LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MEMBER
WORKING PARTY**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To enable the Committee to consider draft guidance intended to be issued by the Monitoring Officer to District Councillors.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the attached guidance prepared by the Monitoring Officer is noted.

2.2 That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to circulate the guidance to all Members.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Guidance for members involved in the Malton Development Strategy Steering Group or any other Local Development Framework Member reference group is attached at Annex 1.

3.2 Members will be aware that it is essential that the decision making process of the Council and its Committees in relation to the development of planning policy through the Local Development Framework is open, transparent and accountable and that good public involvement is built into the decision making process.

- 3.3 The purpose of the guidance attached at Annex 1, is to provide general guidance on issues which are known to be of concern to Members or which officers believe would be of benefit to Members. Considering the guidance will enable the Committee to consider how the guidance contributes to the Committee's functions of promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Councillors and advising and assisting them in complying with the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the guidance notes should be circulated to Councillors and relevant officers.
- 3.5 Further guidance notes will be issued to members and a guidance note on issues relating to the Local Development Framework is currently being prepared.

Background Papers:

None

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