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PART III - MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

36. PLANNING TRAINING

- (1) Any Member selected for service on the Planning Committee and any substitute Member for any of those Committees
 - (i) shall attend a training course on planning law and practice for Members prior to first attending a Planning Committee.
- (2) Any Member who has not attended such a training course.
 - (i) prior to first attending a Planning Committee;
 - (ii) shall automatically cease to be a member of the Committees and Full Council shall appoint a replacement at its next meeting.
- (3) Once a Member becomes disentitled to serve on any of the Committees under this Standing Order a substitute member shall attend any relevant meeting of the Committees until a replacement is selected for the vacant seat on the Committee.
- (4) Any Member
 - (i) becoming disentitled to sit on the Committees by reason of this Standing Order; or
 - (ii) not having been a member of any of the Committees for more than 6 months shall be subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) (i) as if on a first nomination if they are re-selected for service on any of the Committees as a full member or a substitute.

37. MATTERS OF URGENCY

The Head of Paid Service has delegated authority to take any action he/she considers necessary in the interests of the Council in cases of urgency. He/she where possible must only act after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Chairman of the appropriate Committee and the relevant Ward Member(s), if any. Any action taken in

this way shall be reported to the first available meeting of the Council or relevant Committee, as appropriate.

38. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS – INTERESTS OF MEMBERS IN CONTRACTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Declarations of Interest are a standard item on every Council and Committee agenda and each Member must provide a full record of their interests in the Public Register.

In addition, alongside the Register of Interest, the Local Members Code of Conduct (“the Code”) requires the Declaration of Interests at meetings. Members have to decide first whether or not they have a disclosable interest in the matter under discussion.

Please see the Members’ Code of Conduct as set out in Part 5 - Codes and Protocols Section (a).

39. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST (DPI)

A DPI is an interest defined in regulations made under the Localism Act 2011 and set out in the Code.

If you have a DPI (as defined in the Code) in a matter being considered at a meeting of the Council (as defined in the Code), this Standing Order requires you to leave the room where the meeting is held for the duration of any discussion or voting on that matter.

For virtual meetings, leaving the room means leaving the virtual meeting and then rejoining afterwards.