



meeting **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

date **15 JUNE 2004**

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from: **Director of Environment**

NEW WAYS OF WORKING – COMMITTEE TOUR

Purpose of Report

1. To advise Members of arrangements for a tour of inspection of sites illustrating the work of Committee

Planning Committee Tour

2. Members will recall that the Draft “Code of Best Practice” for Members of Planning Committee, was approved at the meeting of 25 November last year.
3. Paragraph 10.7 of the Draft Code states:

“An annual Planning Committee tour will be arranged to view certain key sites. These will either reflect decisions taken previously by Committee, or will give an opportunity to Members to visit sites to see some particular aspect of the Committee’s work in practice.”
4. Such a tour is now being arranged, and a date of Monday 26 July has been agreed.
5. It is envisaged that this will be a full day tour, starting and finishing at County Hall, with a lunch stop somewhere en route.
6. The exact itinerary will be circulated to Members closer to the day.

Code of Best Practice

7. Now that the County Council at its meeting on 6 May 2004 has given approval to revise the Standing Orders for Planning Committee, the Code of Best Practice can now be finalised, and will be reported to Members as soon as practicable.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, Crime and Disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been brought out in the text of the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

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Director of Environment

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The costs of hospitality will be contained within existing budgets. [DJK 2.6.04]

Head of Democratic and Legal Services' Comments

This report is for noting. [SHB 28.5.04]

Background Papers Available for Inspection

None.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All.

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