

Planning Committee – 6 July 2021

Written question from Isle of Wight Architects and Agents Forum

Please can the Chair confirm prior to commencement of formal consideration of applications brought to this meeting that all new Members of the Planning Committee have received and completed comprehensive training on planning and development control issues and policy?

Response

It can be confirmed that all new Members of the Planning Committee have received and completed comprehensive training on planning and development management issues and planning.

If training has been completed local Agents and Architects are keen to be reassured that this training has specifically addressed the current implications of the 'Presumption in favour of sustainable development and tilted balance'?

Response

Local Agents and Architects can be reassured that 'the presumption in favour of sustainable development and tilted balance' was specifically covered in the training provided to Councillors.

We note that the Isle of Wight Council Constitution addresses potential conflict between Members personal views and their performance in post to objectively implement Local and National Planning Policy. This is stated in its 'Code of Practice for Members and Officers dealing with planning matters; decision making'. Can the Chair confirm that all new Members have formally confirmed their understanding of National & Local Planning policy and are cognisant of their duty to act in compliance to the code of practice?

Response

In direct response to the question being asked the answer would be no, members have not all formally confirmed their understanding of national and local planning policy. However, this is due to the fact that we do not require them to formally do so. The local planning authority is satisfied that the planning committee have received appropriate training which included provisions relating to national & local planning policy and the wider constitution, including the Code of Practice for Members and Officers Dealing with Planning Matters.