

## Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date: 22 February 2023

Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration

Subject: REVIEW OF THE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY

PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD)

## **SUMMARY**

The Council, as a planning authority, has an adopted Supplementary Planning Document which assist planning applicants to understand the financial and non-financial obligations which may be secured via a legal agreement to make their development acceptable in planning terms by mitigating a range of potential impacts.

The SPD was last adopted in 2016 and includes standard charges for various elements of mitigation, such as contributions to the maintenance of open space or playing pitches required as part of the planning permission, when the Council takes on land. Guidance is also required to clarify the Council's position on what obligations it seeks on affordable housing and various environmental mitigation proposals, including Bird Aware.

As part of the wider review of infrastructure costs, these standard charges have been reviewed and a refresh of the SPD has been undertaken. Consultation on the revised document is required before the Council adopts it, and Executive approval will be sought for that consultation at a forthcoming Executive meeting.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at appendix 1; and
- b) pass any comments relating to appendix 1 to the 06 March 2023 Executive meeting for consideration.

## **Enquiries:**

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