

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING, TAXI LICENSING AND RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE 1st October, 2020

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SUBJECT: Revisions to the Planning Protocol

REPORT FOR: **Decision**

1. The current version of the Planning Protocol came into effect on 5th April, 2019. Whilst there is a requirement for the document to be reviewed by the Committee every two years, officers have become aware of a few amendments which are required to the document which are presented for consideration at **Appendix 1**.
2. The amendments to the document are as follows:

Rule	Amendment
	General change of "Development Management" to "Planning"
19.6.1	Clarification of the definition of "Agent"
19.6.12	Addition of new definition in relation to "Interest"
19.65.6	Addition of the words "or property"
19.82	Addition of words
19.84.1	Addition of the word "independent" to be consistent with the definition in Rule 19.6.1
19.85	Addition of words

3. Both the amendments have arisen due to a need to clarify the position in relation to Members' own applications, firstly to clarify what is meant by agent and whether a Member could use another member of their family to undertake the role of agent. The officer recommendation is that this should for the sake of transparency not be the case and a Member should seek an "independent person" to undertake the role of Agent.
4. The second amendment is to clarify other types of interests which a Member could have in land or property, and that in all instances where a Member's land or property interest is affected, again for transparency, these applications should be considered by the Committee, which is the officer view and recommendation.
5. If the Committee is minded to approve these amendments to the Planning Protocol, they would take effect from 15th October, 2020 in accordance with Section 19 of the Constitution, unless referred following a request to the Monitoring Officer by 4 Members of the Committee to Full Council for consideration.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That the amendments to the Planning Protocol be approved.	To update the Planning Protocol.

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