

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration)

Date: 8th August 2013

Subject: External Publication of Employee Interests for High Risk Posts

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration) at its meeting on 26th February 2013 considered an Internal Audit report on the controls in place to detect any potential conflicts of interest on the decisions made in respect of planning applications and agreed the following recommendations:

- That there should be 'one rule for all' in declaration of interests for both Members and Council employees.
- That planning officers should declare no interest on planning applications.
- That planning officers declare there has been no undue influence placed on them.

2.0 Directorates Formal Response

2.1 The Executive Board on 17th July 2013 considered the attached report of the Chief Officer (Human Resources) on the external publication of employee interests for high risk posts which includes the Directorates formal response to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations.

2.2 The Executive Board agreed the proposals contained in the report.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and comment on the report of the Chief Officer (Human Resources).

4.0 Background documents

4.1 None used