



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2022-2023 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Ms Jo Clay MLA

Reference: Hearing on 22 November 2023, Annual Report of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate

In relation to: Integrity Framework and Integrity Plan

During the Committee hearings on 22 November 2023, a question asked about integrity in the Development Application decision making process. The Executive Group Manager, Statutory Planning when providing input to the response advised that the internal governance arrangements for decision making on Development Applications includes a bespoke Integrity Framework and Integrity Plan. Can a copy of the Integrity Framework and Integrity Plan be provided to the Committee.

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Integrity Framework, that is referred to, is related to the decision process undertaken for development applications (DAs) by the Statutory Planning Division of the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD). The Integrity Framework is implemented through the Division's Integrity Plan 2023-2025 ([Attachment 1](#)). The Integrity Plan is a bespoke plan for the Statutory Planning Division, providing support to statutory decision-makers in the process of deciding development applications. The Integrity Plan should also be considered in conjunction with [Attachment 2](#), EPSDD's *Portfolio Fraud & Corruption Prevention Plan 2022-2024*. The Statutory Planning Division Meeting Policy is also relevant ([Attachment 3](#)).

It is noted that the Division is currently undertaking a review of the Division's Integrity Plan 2023-2025 to ensure that all aspects of the plan will fit within the new Planning System. It is also proposed by the Division to commission an external audit within the next 12 months.

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By the Minister for Planning and Land Management, Mr Mick Gentleman MLA