



# PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 52/13

15 JULY 2013

The purpose of this report is to invite Members to appoint an additional Member to the Town Council's Planning Committee

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**No.   DETAIL**

**1)   INTRODUCTION**

- a) The Town Council's Planning Committee currently has four Members, all appointed at the Annual Town Council Meeting of 13 May 2013, namely Councillors Jim Toogood (Chair) Jason Mack, Stewart Blackmore and Brian Lucas.
- b) The Committee now has an established track record in careful and detailed assessment of all Planning Applications for sites in Ventnor and in commenting on them in relation to relevant policies. Through its Chair, good working relationships have been established with the Local Planning Authority's officers.
- c) The Committee is keen to build on that track record and the consequent increase in its influence within the deliberations of those staff.
- d) At the Town Council Meeting of 17 June, Ed Gouge was one of two Members co-opted to fill the then existing vacancies. He has significant Town Planning related experience and expertise and the Committee Chair has asked him if he would be prepared to join the Committee, which he is.
- e) All appointments to Town Council Committees are a matter for the full Town Council.

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**2)   RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to appoint Councillor Ed Gouge to membership of its Planning Committee.

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