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Please may I request the following information.

1. Any policies, strategies, guidance documents, or internal reports held by you that reference the use of artificial intelligence (AI), automation, or machine learning in the planning application process, or by planning officers.

2. Any details of trials, pilots, or procurement of AI or automation tools intended to support planning application validation, assessment, or decision-making?

3. Any internal guidance or instructions provided to planning officers on handling planning applications where AI has been used by applicants or agents (e.g., AI-generated planning statements, policy summaries, or other submission materials).

Please provide copies of the documents, or if not available electronically, a description of their content and publication date.

RESPONSE

The Council does not currently hold any policies, strategies, guidance documents, or internal reports that specifically reference the use of artificial intelligence (AI), automation, or machine learning in the planning application process or by planning officers.

Similarly, there are no trials, pilots, or procurement records of AI or automation tools intended to support planning application validation, assessment, or decision-making.

No internal guidance or instructions have been issued to planning officers regarding the handling of planning applications where AI may have been used by applicants or agents.