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<p>I would like to request the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The names of all who sat on the planning committee and attended the planning meeting for Astley Business Park on 11 June 20242. The date each committee member joined the committee3. How many planning meetings had each member above actually attended since their joining the committee, prior to the meeting on 11 June 2024?	<p>1 & 2. The Councillors and date those Councillors joined the Committee are detailed below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Kenny – 02/01/2020• John Harding – 25/05/2016• Paul Blay – 26/05/2023• Anne Collins – 26/05/2023• Phyll Cullen – 23/05/2024• Matt Dawber – 26/05/2023• James Fish – 26/05/2023• Laura Flynn – 15/07/2022• Stuart Gerrard – 03/07/2023• Sue Greensmith – 24/05/2019*• David Hurst – 31/05/2022• Jim Nicholson – 26/05/2023• Mike Smith – 23/05/2024• Fred Walker – 24/05/2012• David Wood - 31/05/2022 (was a member of the Planning Committee, but gave apologies and was not in attendance for the 11/06/24 meeting) <p>* Sue Greensmith (previously on the Committee 27/04/2010 – 23/05/2018) * Stuart Gerrard (previously on the committee 23/05/2018 – 26/05/2023) * Laura Flynn previously on the committee 26/05/2021 – 25/05/2022)</p> <p>3. The number of Committee meetings that each Member had attended are detailed below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Kenny – 39• John Harding – 76• Paul Blay – 10• Anne Collins – 11• Phyll Cullen – 0• Matt Dawber – 10• James Fish – 9• Laura Flynn – 25• Stuart Gerrard – 47• Sue Greensmith – 132

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Hurst – 16 • Jim Nicholson – 9 • Mike Smith – 0 • Fred Walker – 109 • David Wood - 16 <p>4. What formal training had been given to each committee member prior to 11 June 2024 to allow them to sit on the planning committee?</p> <p>5. What does the formal training consist of?</p> <p>4. Mandatory training had taken place with Senior Planning Officers, Legal Officers and Democratic Services Officers.</p> <p>Additional training in relation to relevant areas of Planning is undertaken with the Committee, as and when appropriate (ie. national changes / updates to policy / specialist Planning documents etc). All Planning Committee members are also offered a refresher of the mandatory training annually.</p> <p>5. The mandatory training covers, not exhaustively, the following areas related to the Planning process:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Principles • Legal Framework • National Planning Policy • Different roles including the Local Planning Authority, Secretary of State and Planning Inspectorate • Preparation of a Local Plan • Different forms of planning approvals / consents • Development / Permitted Development • The planning process • Local Plans • Cross Boundary Strategic Planning • Local Plan Core Strategy / Wigan Replacement Unitary Development Plan • Neighbourhood Plans • Emerging Local Plan • Planning application process / validation / consultation / publicity / timescales • Determining the application / legal process / decision-making / material considerations • Conditions and Reasons • Section 106 / legal tests • Viability / viability in Wigan • Enforcement • Planning Key Contacts • Planning Application Alerts • Site Visits • Preparation for Meetings • Members' Interests
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum • Record of Attendance • Meeting Conduct • Contact with Applicants/Developers • Pre-Determination • Planning Code of Good Practice <p>6. What dates did each member of the above committee actually partake in any training?</p> <p>6. Members are required to undertake Mandatory Training before they sit on the Planning Committee and are offered refresher training each year. Details of the training dates are outlined below:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Kenny – 06/06/23 (refresher) & 06/06/24 (refresher) • John Harding – 06/06/24 (refresher) • Paul Blay – 06/06/23 & 06/06/24 (refresher) • Anne Collins – 06/06/23 & 06/06/24 (refresher) • Phyll Cullen – 06/06/24 • Matt Dawber – 06/06/23 & 06/06/24 (refresher) • James Fish – 06/06/23 • Laura Flynn – 08/06/2021 • Stuart Gerrard – 23/05/18 • Sue Greensmith – Unknown / 30/05/19 (refresher) • David Hurst – 06/06/22 • Jim Nicholson – 06/06/23 • Mike Smith – 06/06/24 • Fred Walker – Unknown • David Wood – 06/06/2022 <p>It should be noted that any Member of the Committee would be required to attend the mandatory Planning training, before taking part in any Committee meeting. Therefore, any Member who has the date of their training missing, <u>will</u> have undertaken the training – with the date being missing due to the length of time that has passed, and the relevant systems no longer holding that information.</p>
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