

57303 AI in Planning Applications

Please may I request the following information.

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.

As this is not in use, there are no such policy or guidance documents available.

The Digital and Smart City Strategy 2024-2027 references AI and is published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=7344>

Please refer to 'Item 8.5 - Digital and Smart City Strategy 2024-2027'

A further update was provided to Policy and Sustainability Committee in March 2025 and is published at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=7346>

Please refer to 'Item 8.5 Digital and Smart City Strategy 2024-2027 – Update'

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

There are currently no trials, pilots, or procurement of AI or automation tools to support Planning Application validation, assessment, or decision-making.

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.

There are no such internal guidance or instructions available.