

ISSUES ARISING FROM FINANCE & PROCEDURES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 JUNE 2002

1 PLANNING – DETAILED SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS (Minute 249/02)

- 1.1 Following a report from the Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Administration) the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that this Committee adopt the attached detailed scheme of delegations relating to planning services.
- 1.2 The general scheme of Delegations was agreed at Council on 25 April 2002. In approving and amending an extended scheme for planning services the Overview and Scrutiny Committee noted that: -
- the general scheme is based on broad, functional descriptions and the extended scheme for planning services is subject to but provides additional limitations on that general delegation.
 - in exercising delegated powers, officers are obliged to advise the Chairman of the relevant Committee, together with the affected Ward Members, of any decision to be taken outside the ordinary duties of the service and which would have a significant effect on one or more Wards in the District in terms of service or quality of life in that area.
 - having discussed the matter first with officers and taking into account the views of Ward Members, the Chairman can require the matter to be called into Committee for determination. This is a departure from the previous scheme which did not provide this additional check.
 - the Parish List provides a weekly update of all planning applications submitted to the authority for determination.
 - by definition, minor amendments to approved plans are those that do not require planning consent.
 - that some delegations appeared to be too flexible and open to interpretation in the officer's draft and the Committee strengthened the wording where it felt appropriate

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To adopt the attached scheme of delegation for planning services recommended by Finance & Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (CD(LPA))

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