

Report on	Updated Planning Officer Authorisation list.
Reporting Officer	M.Bowman
Contact Officer	Dr Chris Boomer

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	No	x

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek Members' approval for Mrs Karla McKinless to be authorised to sign decisions and Orders on behalf of the Council in accordance with its Schemes of Delegation.
2.0	Background
2.1	Upon the transition of Planning Powers to the Council in April 2015 Member's previously agreed to authorise key officers, namely SPTO / Team leads, to sign decisions on the Council's behalf, in line with the agreed Schemes of Delegation.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>As of 15 Nov 2021 Mrs Karla McKinless has been temporary promoted to fill Mrs Emma McCullagh's role as Team lead for the Cookstown Development Management Team and is presently involved in the new IT system. As such she will require to be authorised as above.</p> <p>It should be noted that signing decisions is not the same as taking decision. All decisions will be undertaken either by:</p> <p>(i) Planning Committee Or (ii) Planning Manager under the scheme of delegation.</p> <p>Where a decision is made under the scheme of delegation it will be the Planning Managers responsibility to ensure decisions are made in accordance with the policies of the Council and that the right checks and balances are in place</p>
4.0	Other Considerations n/a
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>
	<p>Financial: this will allow for efficient use of Officer time</p> <p>Human: internal team restructuring.</p>

4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That Mrs Karla McKinless is nominated as an authorised officer.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A