

Report on	Amendment to Council Scheme of Delegation for Senior Officers – Appendix C Delegated Authority on Planning Matters
Date of Meeting	6 th April 2023
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update and seek members' approval on amendments to the council's Scheme of Delegation for Senior Officers in relation to Planning Matters only.
2.0	Background
2.1	The Council agreed a new organisational structure in July 2021 which resulted in a series of changes to the then council structure.
2.2	An updated Scheme of Delegation was brought to Policy and Resources Committee for consideration, arising from the restructuring and this amended Scheme was approved in December 2021.
2.3	As is good practice, the Council's Scheme of Delegation is reviewed regularly and a number of further amendments are now being proposed in relation to Planning matters only at this juncture.
2.4	A wider review of the Scheme of Delegation is ongoing and a further report on the remaining aspects of the Scheme is to follow in due course.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	As part of the review of the Appendix C of the Scheme of Delegation, the Service Director of Planning engaged with members via Planning Committee in relation to the proposed changes to the planning functions.
3.2	The proposed changes in relation to local development applications (Part B) were also forwarded to Dfl Planning for approval as required under legislation. Dfl has approved the revised Scheme in so far as it relates to changes to local development applications, which is their only remit under the regulations.
3.3	In summary, the amendments to the delegated planning functions (i.e., Appendix C only to the Scheme of Delegation) are:-

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part B – local development applications submitted by a councillor or close relative are no longer delegated, they must go to Planning Committee; • Planning consents, certificates, orders, enforcement etc. – this has been subjected to significant change to better define what is delegated to the Service Director to ensure there is no ambiguity when exercising these functions; • There is also authority allowing the Service Director to agree specific changes to the Local Development Plan within specified parameters as outlined in the Scheme included at Appendix A to this Report.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: not applicable
	Human: not applicable
	<p>Risk Management: Agreement to the amendments will ensure the appropriate delegated authority is in place with clarity surrounding same regarding planning decisions. This will improve the governance arrangements and decision making ability with increased clarity on delegated functions to the Service Director and ensure a seamless delivery of council services.</p>
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: not applicable
	Rural Needs Implications: not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members recommend to Council that the amended Appendix C to the Scheme of Delegation for Senior Officers included at Appendix A to this report is approved and takes effect on 28 th April 2023.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Appendix A – Scheme of Delegation for Senior Officers (Appendix C only)