

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COUNTRYSIDE  
SERVICE

**PLANNING SCHEME OF DELEGATION (SoD) REVIEW**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To outline to Members suggested amendments to the Planning Scheme of Delegation. If agreed by Planning Committee, for the new version of the SoD to be operational with immediate effect.

**2. BACKGROUND**

The Planning Scheme of Delegation is the document that sets out which planning application and other related decisions can be made at officer level, or will need to be referred to Planning Committee for a resolution.

This is an addendum to the Council's constitution which delegates the operation of the Local Planning Authority's functions to the Head of Planning, Public Protection and Countryside Service.

A SoD is required in order to ensure an efficient planning application process. All Council's in Wales operate a SoD to enable the majority of planning applications to be determined at Officer level. In addition, a SoD allows for the proper functioning of a Planning Committee and to ensure certain planning decisions can be made within that democratic forum.

The amendments suggested at this review are as follows:

Paragraph (V9)	Amendment	Reason
1.3.2	Wording changed from 'serving of a planning related enforcement notice' to 'service of a formal notice'	This wording has been amended to ensure it covers all types of notice which the LPA can serve when enforcing breaches of planning.
1.5, 2.1.9 & 2.1.10	Inserted new sections on Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) and Developments of National Significance (DNS)	These new sections replace v8's sections on major renewable energy infrastructure projects and the Infrastructure Planning Commission as this body no longer exists – having been replaced by the NSIP and DNS procedures.

2.1.2	Insertion of the word 'explicit'	Inserted to ensure clarity as to whether the City, Town or Community Council is objecting or simply commenting.
Interpretation	Additional section added relating to the term *explicit	For clarity regarding the change at paragraph 2.1.2

The revised scheme (Version 9) is attached to this report for Members (**appendix A**). A copy of the current scheme (Version 8) is also attached for reference (**appendix B**).

The Lead Member for Planning and Chair of Planning Committee have been consulted prior to these suggested changes being made.

### 3. RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the contents of this report and adopt the suggested changes to the SoD.