

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	Amendment	Reason
Part 1 – new paras 1.5.4 and 1.5.5	To move the pre-application and Local Impact responses on NSIP and DNS schemes into Officer led decisions	As DCC are not the decision maker on these types of projects (decisions made by Welsh Ministers) there is limited time to provide input into the processes. As such, it is felt more efficient for Officers to liaise with relevant Lead and Local Members in the formulation of any responses as opposed to presenting recommendations to Planning Committee.
Part 2 – remove paras 2.1.9 and 2.1.10	As per the above change to then delete reference to NSIP and DNS schemes from	As above.

	Committee led decisions.	
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The revised scheme (Version 10) is attached to this report for Members (**appendix A**). A copy of the current scheme (Version 9) 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.