

Decision Maker: **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Date: **Tuesday 26 July 2022**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **DELEGATED POWERS FOR PLANNING**

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Chief Officer: Director of Housing, Planning, Property and Regeneration

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for decision/report and options

To propose minor amendments to the scheme of delegation following recent revisions.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

Members are asked to approve the proposed changes to the scheme of delegation.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: N/A
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (delete as appropriate):
(5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Planning
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Non-Statutory - Government Guidance:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: No Executive Decision
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: None
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: None
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: None
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The scheme of delegation has recently been significantly revised (at General Purposes and Licensing Committee in April 2022) to make it more effective and concise. Following this update several minor tweaks are required to the powers delegated to the Director of Housing, Planning and Regeneration to ensure that the scheme is as effective as possible and to restore powers that were mistakenly removed in the recent revisions. The requested changes are to restore powers as follows:

3.2 Power to refuse any application:

The previous scheme of delegation included the power to refuse any application (unless subject to call in).

3.3 Power to determine amendments to major applications for new commercial development and for the provision of twenty one or more dwellings:

The previous scheme of delegation included the power to determine applications which fall within the definition of major development as above but comprise “*other associated buildings, conversions, extensions and change of use, reserved matters, details pursuant, revised plans or amended proposals*”

3.4 These two elements were included in the previous scheme of delegation and removed accidentally from the revisions and thus do not represent a change from long standing powers held in respect of planning applications.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The changes will potentially result in less cases unnecessarily being reported to committee thus representing a saving on each case.

Non-Applicable Headings:	IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN TRANSFORMATION/POLICY/PERSONNEL/LEGAL/PROCUREMENT/ PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS CUSTOMER IMPACT WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS CARBON REDUCTION/SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Current scheme of delegation: https://cds.bromley.gov.uk/documents/s50098788/Constitution%20Appendix%2010%20Scheme%20of%20Delegation%20to%20Officers.pdf GP&L Committee Documents: https://cds.bromley.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=7114&Ver=4