

Report Addendum to Item 6 – Development Control Committee 5th March 2024

Proposed additional changes to scheme of delegation

1. It is proposed to amend the scheme of delegation to allow the Council to determine certain applications where the Council has an interest under delegated powers. At present any application made by the Council or on Council land is required to be determined at committee.
2. The proposed change will allow lawful development certificate applications made by or on behalf of the Council or on Council land and advertisement applications which relate to statutory Council functions to be determined by officers.
3. The rationale for this is that lawful development certificate (aka certificate of lawfulness) applications are determined on legal merits and there is no assessment of planning merits, thus the decision is a factual legal one as opposed to planning merit judgement. Advertisement applications for statutory functions would not be commercial in nature and are not likely to be controversial.
4. There remains the ability for call in by Members or self referral to committee by officers if appropriate.
5. The proposed changes are to Section 16.5 (b) (i) as follows:
 - (i) Applications submitted by or on behalf of the Council, or on land owned by the Council or where the Council has a financial interest (except applications under section 73, certificates of lawfulness under Section 191 and 192 and advertisement consent applications relating to statutory functions of the Council);