

Extract from Joint Governance Committee - 26 January 2021

JGC/059/20-21 Scheme of Officer Delegations

Before the Committee was a report by the Monitoring Officer, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and copies are attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 10.

The Committee was informed that it was important that the Councils had appropriate officer delegations and committee delegations in place to ensure that decision making was made by the appropriate person or committee.

The report sought to update the Councils' Scheme of Delegation to Officers in relation to planning matters.

The Committee was asked to approve the proposed changes to the Councils' Scheme of Delegation to Officers as set out in this report and recommend their adoption to each full Council.

The Committee sought reassurance from Officers regarding the calling in of planning applications. Officers advised that it was pertinent to give a reason for calling in an application and reassured Members that Officers would accept any planning reason given.

The Committee also sought clarification regarding what constituted 'minor or non material amendments' to applications comprising major development. Officers provided examples of minor amendments to the Adur Tidal Wall Scheme including; planters, changes to fencing etc. It was noted that these changes often attract no objections and resulted in this particular scheme coming before the Adur Planning Committee on four separate occasions.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Boram and seconded by Councillor Paul Mansfield (for Adur District Council) and proposed by Councillor Steve Waight and seconded by Councillor Steve Wills (for Worthing Borough Council). The recommendations were supported by the Committee.

Resolved

The Joint Governance Committee

- 1. considered the comments of the Adur Planning Committee and the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers and recommended their adoption as part of the Constitution to Adur District Council.**
2. considered the comments of the Worthing Planning Committee and the proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers and recommended their adoption as part of the Constitution to Worthing Borough Council.