Licensing and Planning Policy Committee 23 September 2025

URGENT DECISIONS

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Economic Development

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Wards affected: (All Wards);

Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No
If yes, reason urgent decision N/A

required:

Appendices (attached): None

Summary

To report to the committee a decision taken by one of the Directors and / or Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Note the urgent decision taken and the reasons for that decision.

1 Reason for Recommendation

1.1 To report to the Committee a decision taken by one of the Directors and / or the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

2 Background

2.1 The scheme of delegation sets out that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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- 2.2 Since the last ordinary meeting of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee one urgent decision has been taken by one of the Directors or the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. The decision is set out below:
 - 2.2.1 **Decision 157** Planning policy authorisation
 - 2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 157** Local Plan to ensure the new Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development has the same nomination and authority as the previous Head of Place Development when it comes to the Local Plan at Examination. The Local Plan examination has already started.
- 2.3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 2.4 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 2.4.1 None arising directly from this report
- 2.5 Crime & Disorder
 - 2.5.1 None arise from this report
- 2.6 Safeguarding
 - 2.6.1 None arise from this report
- 2.7 Dependencies
 - 2.7.1 None arise from this report
- 2.8 Other
 - 2.8.1 None.
- 3 Financial Implications
 - 3.1 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: None arising from this report.
- 4 Legal Implications
 - 4.1 **Legal Officer's comments**: Legal are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.
- 5 Policies, Plans & Partnerships
 - 5.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: The following Key Priorities are engaged:
 - N/A

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- 5.2 **Service Plans**: The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 5.3 Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations: None.
- 5.4 Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications: None.
- 5.5 Partnerships: N/A
- 5.6 **Local government reorganisation (LGR) implications**: There are no implications from LGR for this report.

6 Background papers

6.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

• None.

Other papers:

• None.