



CABINET

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AGENDA ITEM (10)

PLANNING AND RELATED APPLICATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

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Purpose of Report	To propose a system of delegated arrangements relating to planning and related applications on behalf of the Council.
Recommendation(s)	That Strategic Directors, Group Managers and Heads of Service be given delegated authority to submit, amend and withdraw planning and other related applications on behalf of the Council, subject to prior consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To provide an extended scheme of delegation in relation to land and property matters, which will also minimise possible delay.

Ward(s) Affected	None
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	None
Legal and Human Rights Implications	None
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	None

Key Risks	<p>Minimal/none - given that applications submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by or on behalf of the Council, • for development on Council-owned land, • in which the Council has a direct interest, <p>cannot be determined under delegated powers but, instead, are required to be submitted to the Planning and Licensing Committee for consideration and decision.</p> <p>N.B. Any application required in connection with flood prevention / alleviation schemes is exempt from the requirement to be presented to the Committee.</p>
Equalities Analysis	Not applicable

Related Decisions	None
Background Documents	None
Appendices	None

Performance Management Follow Up	Implement Cabinet decision
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Options for Joint Working	Not applicable
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<p>Background Information</p> <p>1. The Council owns a variety of land and property assets, including office buildings, car parks, public conveniences, cemeteries, etc. The Council's housing stock as transferred in 1997 to a then, locally-sponsored housing association which is now part of Bromford Living.</p> <p>2. The Council has an Acquisition and Disposal Policy; and an Asset Management Plan, comprising an overview of how the Council manages its land and property assets to make sure that they are fully used and make a full contribution to the Council's aims, priorities and objectives. There is also a corresponding scheme of delegation relating to land and property acquisition, disposal and management.</p> <p>3. All of the above documents are reviewed from time to time, to ensure that they remain fit-for-purpose. As part of the current review, it has been commented upon that there are no delegated authority provisions in respect of planning and other related applications.</p> <p>4. The Council needs to be flexible in responding to changing priorities and objectives. As a result, its land and property assets may need to be used for different purposes than originally envisaged/acquired. An example of this appears elsewhere on this agenda, in relation to the Old Memorial Hospital.</p> <p>5. While major projects are likely to be reported formally to Cabinet and/or Council for approval, and will therefore contain the necessary authorisations in relation to planning and other matters, there may be instances where (i) more minor proposals are being considered; or (ii) amendments to approved projects are required; or (iii) a scheme needs to be withdrawn. It is felt that, in such cases, extended delegated authority arrangements would be beneficial, and provide a formal, transparent audit trail. The delegation would cover any applications, including, but not be limited to, planning, listed building, scheduled monument and building regulations.</p>
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