

Meeting:	Council
Date:	Wednesday 22 January 2003
Subject:	Delegated Planning Powers
Report of:	Councillor Berry on behalf of the Planning and Licensing Committee
<p>The Council is asked to consider the Planning and Licensing Committee minute and resolution from the meeting held on 10 December 2002. These are set out below.</p> <p>The report on this matter was circulated to all Members with the Planning and Licensing Committee's agenda for the meeting on 10 December 2002 (item 9) to which reference may be made. Further copies are available on request – please see end of this report.</p>	
<p><u>The Council is recommended to:-</u></p> <p>Approve the revised delegated powers of the Head of Planning.</p>	
<p>Minute Extract</p> <p>PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE – 10 December 2002</p>	

<p>*45.</p>	<p>DELEGATED PLANNING POWERS. The Committee considered the report of the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities regarding proposed amendments to the powers delegated to the Head of Planning for the determination of planning and related applications. The present powers, which were adopted in September 1999, had increased the general level of delegation to about 69%. A further adjustment was proposed to achieve the delegation target of 90% recently set by Government, and to improve efficiency whilst retaining sufficient safeguards to ensure the Committee considered important matters. The main changes proposed were to remove the requirement to consider all applications that had a council interest as applicant or landowner and those applications that had attracted up to 3 objections. The Committee would determine the matter if a request from an objector was received to speak at the meeting within the specified consultation period.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended to approve the proposed amendments to the powers delegated to the Head of Planning concerning the determination of planning and related applications as set out in appendix 2 to the report.</p>
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<p>The full text of Appendix 2 is set out below:-</p> <p>Eastbourne Borough Council</p> <p>DELEGATED PLANNING POWERS</p> <p>Determining the following matters is delegated to the Head of Planning subject to the restrictions and conditions referred to :-</p> <p>A) An application for planning permission including reserved matters, Listed Building Consent, Conservation Area Consent or an application for consent to display an advertisement except where :-</p> <p>(i) The development would not be in accordance with the approved or more current draft County Structure Plan or of any adopted or more current draft Local Plan (Minerals, Waste or Borough wide).</p> <p>(ii) The Head of Planning considers the proposal should be refused.</p> <p>(iii) The application has attracted four or more letters of objection from different households or businesses, or a petition and the grounds of objection are considered to be material planning considerations.</p> <p>(iv) That an objector wishes to address the Planning and Licensing Committee provided such a request has been made within the specified consultation period for the application.</p> <p>(v) The application was submitted by or on behalf of a Councillor of the authority (or their spouse/partner) or by Council's staff (or their spouse/partner) who are part of the Corporate Management Team, are Heads of Service or work in the Planning Division.</p> <p>(vi) The Head of Planning considers that it should be presented to Committee for decision.</p> <p>(vii) The Chairman, opposition spokesperson or any ward Councillor requests, in writing to the Head of Planning, that the application should be determined by the Committee, provided that any such request is made within 21 days of circulation of the weekly list of applications.*</p> <p>* the letter to the Head of Planning should include the Councillor's reasons for referral to the Committee.</p> <p>B) Observations on applications for planning permission to be determined by the County Council. The Head of Planning will prepare a response and consult with the Planning and Licensing Committee Chairman.</p> <p>C) Observations on applications for planning permission to be determined by Wealden District Council. The Head of Planning will prepare a response and consult with the Planning and Licensing Committee Chairman.</p> <p>D) An application for consent under a tree preservation order to the topping or lopping of trees or to the</p>	
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Where an application is within a conservation area and it is not possible for it to be considered by the Conservation Area Advisory Group prior to determination by the Planning and Licensing Committee or Head of Planning within the statutory eight week period, the Head of Planning will consult with the Chairman of the Conservation Area Advisory Group and the Historic Buildings Advisor.

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