Changes to Delegated Powers

13. Delegations to the Community and Planning Services Director

Development Services

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(4) Where permission has been refused under delegated powers, an appeal has been lodged and new information has been received that leads Officers to conclude that refusal of permission can no longer be substantiated at appeal, the matter will be referred back to Members to enable the original delegated refusal to be reviewed.

If sufficient time is available, local Members will be asked to agree to a decision no longer to oppose the scheme following the procedure for delegated decisions and if the local Members do not agree the matter will be referred to the Development Control Committee including, if necessary, an emergency meeting.

If the appeal timetable does not allow for the above process to be completed in time, the review of the delegated decision will be referred to a Panel of three Members of the Committee for decision, after consultation with the local Members.

The Chief Executive will call a meeting of one of the Panels whenever there is business to be transacted.

A Panel will contain three Members of the Development Control Committee. Either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee will be one of the Members of the panel and other Members of the Panel will be selected sequentially in alphabetical order. Local Members should not normally be part of the Panel but will have the right to address the Panel for a maximum of 3 minutes.

Any Member of the Development Control Committee may act as a substitute on a Panel. Democratic Services must be notified by the Members concerned of any substitutions at least one working hour prior to a Panel meeting.

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee, whichever is present, will be the Chairman of the Panel.

The quorum for a Panel meeting shall be three Members.

The procedure will not apply to the review of individual reasons for refusal where the decision to refuse permission does not change.