

Decision Number: 38(2012/13)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

The Decision: That the proposed case for a partial exemption from the Permitted Development rights change to allow a change of use from B1(a) to C3 is sent to the Government before the 22 February 2013 deadline.

Date the decision was made: 22/02/2013

Reason for Decision: To seek to ensure that the Council is able to retain key office accommodation, in accordance with the LDF Core Strategy, Saved Policies of the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

The option of not sending a case for exemptions, given that the Government has stated that they will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, was considered. This was rejected on the grounds that the potential loss of a significant proportion of office floorspace would have a substantial adverse impact on the District's economy and sustainable development.

Including more sites in the exemption application, including all offices in the District, was also considered. However, this was rejected on the grounds that one of the Government's assessment criteria was 'whether the proposed area of exemption is the smallest area necessary to address the potential adverse economic impact'.

Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted

Cllr Hogarth - Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Partnerships
Lesley Bowles - Head of Community Development
Alan Dyer - Group Manager Planning

Details of any conflicts of interest

a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker

n/a

b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

n/a

Decision taken by: Portfolio Holder for Planning and Improvement

Signed by Portfolio Holder

Record made by:

CHARLOTTE STACKLOCK

Date of record:

28/02/2013