

Application Number:		Application Type:	
Proposal:		Location:	
Report of:	Planning Manager	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Development Control Committee	Date:	26 th March 2018
Applicant:		Determination Expiry Date:	
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REASON FOR REPORTING	
Outside Officer Scheme of Delegation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Call-In Name of Member: Reason for Call-In:	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 or more objections received	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state):	x

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Development Control Committee delegates the decision making relating to the above matters to the Planning Manager in consultation with the Chair and Opposition Group Spokespersons for all applications / matters to be determined within the period 27th March 2018 until 4th May 2018.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Under the current scheme of delegation certain matters cannot be decided by the Planning Manager. Owing to there not being a planning committee during April due to the elections, it is proposed that the Development Control Committee delegates the decision making on such matters to the Planning Manager in consultation with the Chair and Opposition Group Spokesperson, in order to maintain targets for determining planning applications and meet required customer service standards.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **A clean and green Rossendale:** our priority is to keep Rossendale clean and green for all of Rossendale's residents and visitors, and to take available opportunities to recycle and use energy from renewable sources more efficiently.

- **A connected and successful Rossendale that welcomes sustainable growth:** our priority is to ensure that we are well connected to our residents, key partners and stakeholders. We want to make the most of every pound we spend and we are always looking for new and innovative ways to make the resources we do have, work harder for us.
- **A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale:** our priority is to ensure that we are creating and maintaining a healthy and vibrant place for people to live and visit.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The Government has set targets for local planning authorities to determine a certain level of planning applications within set timelines. Failure to do this would result in failure to meet both national targets and the Council’s own Business Plan target.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

Under the current scheme of delegation the following matters cannot be decided by the Planning Manager:

- Planning applications relating to strategic applications which include:-
 - a) the provision of dwelling houses where:-
 - i) 15 or more dwellings are to be provided; or
 - ii) the site area is 0.5 hectare or more; or
 - b) buildings are to be provided with a floor space of 1000 square metres or more; or
 - c) the site to be developed is 1 hectare or more; or
 - d) developments which require an environmental statement.
- Applications or notifications which have received three or more material planning objections and which are recommended by Officers for approval.
- Confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders in cases which have received objections.

Owing to the purdah period and there being no planning committee during April due to the elections and in order to maintain the current planning performance on determining minor (8weeks) and major applications (13 weeks), it is necessary to request that the Development Control Committee delegates the decision making relating to the above matters to the Planning Manager in consultation with the Chair and Opposition Group Spokesperson.

It is important that Rossendale maintains its improvement in its figures for the determination of planning applications and this is linked to maintaining our customer care standards.

Members “call in” of decisions would not be affected by the proposed arrangements nor would planning applications on Council owned land or applications made by the Councillors or their spouses or partners or members of staff.

6. COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

SECTION 151 OFFICER

Planning decisions have a direct impact on Council’s financial resources.

MONITORING OFFICER

Comments are included in the body of the report.

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS CARRIED OUT

There are no material implications or consultations carried out.

8. CONCLUSION

In order to maintain the Council's performance targets during the period 27th March 2018 until 4th May 2018 it is considered expedient to ask the Development Control Committee delegate the decision making on such matters to the Planning Manager in consultation with the Chair and an Opposition Group Spokesperson.