

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL (EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR PLANNING POLICY AND TRANSPORT– COUNCILLOR BLENCOWE)</p>

**TRANSFER OF PLANNING ITEMS FROM AREA TO CENTRAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The report considered the issues inherent in moving to a single planning committee dealing with development management and enforcement decisions in the City, reverting to the way decisions were made prior to 2003. The report considered the benefits and dis-benefits of this change, along with two potential options for a single committee and concluded that a single planning committee operating on a monthly cycle but with a carefully ordered agenda and operating principles should be considered. A transition period would be necessary in the implementation of this change and 1st October 2014 was suggested as the start of any new arrangements. There should be a review of the operation of any new arrangement after 6 months.

The Environment Scrutiny Committee considered and approved the recommendations by 4 votes to 3 (with 1 abstention).

Accordingly, Council is recommended:

- i. To rescind the delegation of powers to Area Committees to determine planning applications and enforcement matters set out in paragraph 11.3 of the terms of reference for Area Committees (section 11 of Part 3 of the Constitution) to come into effect from 1 October 2014,
- ii. To delegate responsibility for determining those applications and enforcement matters to the Planning Committee with effect from 1 October 2014,
- iii. To endorse the operating principles for the Planning Committee set out in paragraph 3.10 of the officers report and adopting the approach set out in option1 in the officers report,

- iv. To delegate authority to the Heads of Corporate Strategy, Legal and Planning Services to make changes to the constitution, committee operating arrangements, publications, procedures and any other matters as necessary to secure the smooth implementation of this change, consulting with the Executive Councillor, Chair and Vice Chair and opposition spokes of Planning Committee as appropriate and necessary.