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### **Summary**

On the 14 November 2017 the Committee agreed a revised Scheme of Delegations which was agreed by Court of Common Council on 7 December 2017.

However, the way in which item 42 is worded means that the intention that minor applications could be refused under delegated authority cannot be effected which means that small scale refusals have to be reported to and be determined by Committee.

#### Recommendation

I recommend that the Committee agree a minor amendment to the Scheme of Delegation as shown tracked on Appendix 1 (by replacing the word 'application' in the second line with 'decisions') for onward approval by the Court of Common Council.

# **Main Report**

## **Background**

 On the 14 November 2017 the Committee agreed a revised Scheme of Delegations which was agreed by Court of Common Council on 7 December 2017.

#### **Current Position**

- 2. In relation to Town Planning matters, delegated to the Chief Planning Officer and Development Director and those so authorised, was item 42 which states To determine applications for outline, full and temporary planning permissions under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 subject to the applications being in accordance with policy, not being of broad interest and there being no more than 4 planning objections.
- 3. The intention of this was that applications which met these criteria could be approved or refused by an appropriate officer. However, the way it is worded means that the intention that minor applications could be refused cannot be effected because the wording requires that for the delegation to be engaged, the application must be in accordance with policy. (Applications which are in accordance with policy should normally be approved, and this means minor

applications which are not in accordance with policy, have to be reported to and be determined by Committee.

### **Proposals and recommendations**

- 4. This could be rectified by replacing the word 'applications' in the second line with 'decisions'.
- 5. I recommend that the Committee resolves to agree this amendment for onward approval by the Court of Common Council.

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APPENDIX 1 – amendment to delegation recommended for approval