

# Recommendation to Council

## 18 July 2024

From Audit and Governance Committee 8 July 2024

## Planning and Licensing Committees

### For Decision

**Cabinet Member and Portfolio:**

Cllr N Ireland, Leader of the Council

**Local Councillor(s):** All

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**Report Status:** Public

**Recommendation:**

1. That Full Council is asked to amend the Officer Scheme of Delegation in the Constitution to change the process for determining which planning applications are referred to the planning committees (as shown with tracked changes in Appendix 1);
2. That Full Council is asked to amend the Protocol for Members and Officers on Planning Procedures in the Constitution by amending paragraph 8.2 as set out Appendix 1;
3. That any changes to the Officer Scheme of Delegation take effect on 25 July 2025;
4. That Full Council agrees to amend the Constitution by renaming the Licensing Committee as the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee, creating a separate

General Licensing Committee and substituting Articles 8.28 and 8.29 of the Constitution with new Articles 8.28-8.31 as set out in Appendix 2;

5. That the Chair, Vice-Chair and other Members of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee are also appointed to the General Licensing Committee;

6. That sub-committees of the two licensing committees can be formed as and when needed from the membership of the relevant licensing committee.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

1 & 2 To enable the Council to be a more open organisation and give ward members and parish councils a greater involvement in deciding which planning applications are considered by the planning committees

3 So that and changes to the Officer Scheme of Delegation do not affect any consultations under the Officer Scheme of Delegation which have already begun at the time of Full Council.

4 & 5 It is appropriate to have two separate licensing committees, one dealing with the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005 and one to deal with other licensing matters

6 to allow greater flexibility in appointing Members of the two licensing committees to licensing sub-committees

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – report to the Audit & Governance Committee 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Appendix 2 – appendix 1 to the original report – proposed changes to paragraph 134 of the Officer Scheme of Delegation and Protocol for Councillors and Members dealing with Planning Matters

Appendix 3 – appendix 2 to the original report – proposed changes to Article 8 of the Constitution for Licensing Committee

### **Background papers**

None.