



Audit and Governance Committee

Date: Monday, 12 October 2026
Time: 6.30 am
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum 3)

Spencer Flower (Chair), Steve Murcer (Vice-Chair), Belinda Bawden, Neil Eysenck, Jill Haynes, Andy Todd, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway, Ryan Hope and Ray Bryan

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National Planning Scheme of Delegation.

Paragraphs 4.21-4.23 of the Report set out a proposed triage system to determine which Schedule 2 applications will be referred to the nominated member and nominated member to consider whether the application should be referred to Committee according to the tests set out in paragraph 4.17 of the Report.

Officers consider that there may be circumstances where, due to the significance of a particular application, it should be referred to the nominated officer and nominated member without applying the proposed triage system. For example, a scheme for 1500 homes where the parish council objects and the officer is recommending refusal. As a result, officers recommend that the triage process proposed in delegated power 134B of Appendix 2 should be amended to add an exceptional circumstances test so that the following wording would be added at the end of delegated power 134B:

‘Or where the nominated officer considers that the application is of such significance that it should be considered by the nominated member and the nominated officer.’

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