

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Cllr Ron Greenhough, Chairman of the Planning Committee	Council	15 June 2017	9

Planning Committee: Periodic Report

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To enable myself as Chairman of Planning Committee to inform the Council of the current position on issues being dealt with by the Planning Committee.

2. Scheme of delegation

- 2.1 The scheme of delegation set out in the council's Constitution allows for the Head of Planning Services to determine all planning applications. However, that delegation is conditioned by paragraph 1. This allowed for any Member to call a planning application to Committee for determination. To do so, the member must make the request in writing within ten working days of the date of distribution of the weekly list of planning applications, upon which the planning application in question appeared. Members should be aware that all such requests are public documents and will form part of the application file.
- 2.2 At Full Council on 6 April 2017 a report was presented and agreed proposing amendments to the Scheme of Delegation. The amendments were that the right to call in an application was restricted to a ward member for the ward within which the application was situated, and an amendment to reflect the fact that the weekly list was now on-line and not distributed via email to members.

3. Applications determined by the Planning Committee

- 3.1 Whilst most planning applications are decided under the delegated powers, applications of most strategic or local significance or which are or most likely to be controversial are brought to the Planning Committee for a decision as well as those which have been subject to a request in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation. Over the year from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017, 98% of all applications have been decided under delegated powers. Looking at individual months throughout the period the figure has varied between 97% and 99%.

- 3.2** Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, a total of 1,175 applications of all types were received and 1163 applications determined. The Planning Committee have considered 36 planning applications.
- 3.3** Of the 36 applications considered by the Planning Committee, 23 (64%) were subject to a member request under the provisions of the Scheme of Delegation, although 7 of these would have been brought to the Committee in any event due to their strategic nature or by reason of their planning history. Of all applications determined by the Planning Committee, 30 were granted planning permission and 6 were refused (or minded to refuse). 4 (11%) were decided contrary to the recommendation of the Head of Planning Services. Of these, 2 were granted planning permission contrary to the recommendation and 2 were refused contrary to recommendation.

4. Appeals

- 4.1** Between 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2017, a total of 27 appeals were lodged and 24 appeals decided. From 1 April 2016 to the present date 3 out of 4 appeals relating to applications refused contrary to officer recommendation have been allowed. These include App ref: 14/00553/OULMAJ - outline application for a residential development of up to 165 dwellings with access applied for off Lambs Road and Raikes Road, Thornton, App ref: 14/00458/OULMAJ - outline application for the erection of up to 270 dwellings plus employment/retail, land off Nateby Crossing Lane, Garstang, and 16/00100/OUT - outline application for residential development of up to 9 dwellings, Rosslyn Avenue, Preesall. The other appeal App ref: 15/00685/OUTMAJ - outline application for residential development off Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde was withdrawn. There was only one appeal relating to an application refused by the Planning Committee in accordance with officer recommendation, App ref: 16/00510/FUL - Proposed front dormer and front extension to create first floor and gable roof over, and insertion of a window in side of dwelling, 147 Blackpool Old Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, and this was dismissed.

5 Other matters for information

Public speaking at Planning Committee

- 5.1** A review of the original scheme for public speaking at Planning Committee took place in 2016 and the revised scheme was agreed subject to a condition that it was reviewed after it had been in operation for 6 months. The review of this scheme identified that it was generally working well and was, in comparison with other Lancashire local planning authorities, often more generous in the amount of time allocated for the public to speak. Minor amendments to the scheme and to the procedure were agreed at Full Council on 6 April 2017.

6. Comments and questions

- 6.1** In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.3, any Member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rules 11.5.

List of appendices

None

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