

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Development and Conservation Control Committee 2nd November 2005
AUTHOR/S: Director of Development Services

Delegated Powers: Major Developments Team

Recommendation: Approval

Date for Determination: N/A

Purpose of the Report

1. To extend the powers of determination of planning applications to newer posts in the Major Development team.

Background

2. At present, the Committee has delegated powers to the certain officers to determine certain applications. The Director, Deputy Director and Development Control Quality Manager have the power to determine applications for planning permission, listed building consent, advertisement consent and prior notifications, among other matters, subject to certain limits. These officers, along with the head of Legal Services, also have certain enforcement powers, and the Conservation manager has certain powers associated with listed buildings and conservation areas. There are lesser powers delegated to Area Planning Officers and the New Village / Special Projects Officer. The relevant powers are summarised in the attached **APPENDICES** which themselves form part of the Development Control Procedures Manual.
3. Since the various extents of delegated powers were agreed, most recently in 1999, additional posts have been created in the Major Developments Team. The team now comprises the Major Developments Manager, with responsibilities similar to the Development Control Quality Manager, three principle officers, responsible for Cambourne, Northstowe and the City Edges, and two senior planners.

Considerations

4. In the interests of equity and, in particular, efficiency, it would be appropriate to extend delegated powers. It is recommended that the Major Developments Manager be delegated with the same powers as the Development Control Quality Manager, and for the Northstowe and City Edge principle officers to have the same delegated powers as the Area Planning Officers and the New Village / Special Projects Officer (i.e. the Cambourne principle officer). This will have the direct effect of spreading the load of determining applications for Major developments throughout the district between these officers, therefore being a time and efficiency benefit and ensuring that work can be covered more widely when officers are on leave, etc.

Recommendation

5. That delegated powers for the Major Development Manager akin to those of the Development Control Quality Manager, and for the Northstowe and City Edge principle officers akin to those of the Area Planning Officers and the Cambourne principle officer be **APPROVED**.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Development Control Procedure Manual

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Appendices attached



Appendix 33A Delegation - PD.pdf



Appendix 33B Delegation - APO.pdf