

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee held on Thursday, 30 November 2023 in the Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.05 am
Concluded 10.20 am

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN
Alipoor Lal Mullaney	Brown Sullivan	Edwards

23. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

In the absence of the deputy chair, it was resolved that Councillor Lal be appointed Chair for the purposes of this meeting.

Councillor Lal in the Chair

24. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were made.

25. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2023 be signed as a correct record.

26. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

27. MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved –

That Councillor Walsh replaces Councillor Hayden as the Member on the Area Planning Panel (Bradford).

To be actioned by: Director of Legal and Governance

28. DELEGATION SCHEME FOR TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS DECISIONS 2023

The Strategic Director of Place submitted a report (**Document “E”**) which sought the committee’s approval to replacing the Council’s current Transportation and Highways Scheme of Delegation (2017) with an up-to-date scheme for regulation of officer decision-making. The Highways Services Manager provided a summary of the proposed changes, details of which were set out in Document “E”.

During the discussion, a Member stated that he hoped that the new scheme still reflected the need for ward member input into decisions that affected their wards, stressing that ward members ultimately represented their constituents. In response it was stated that ward member input was considered crucial and to this end it had been embedded into the scheme of delegation as appropriate.

In response to a question regarding authorisation, it was explained that the Scheme of Delegation had been amended to ensure that officers maintain documentary evidence in progressing of a scheme. In response to a concern that this may detract from officers performing their duties, it was stressed that the documentary evidence could be completed on standardised forms and therefore record keeping should not prove too onerous.

Members welcomed the proposed changes to the Scheme of delegation as set out in Document “E”, stating that it was clearly set out and would provide clarity, and it was therefore:

Resolved –

- (1) That the adoption of the replacement Scheme of Delegation for Highways and Transportation matters as set out in Appendix B to Document “E” be approved in substitution for the current Scheme of Delegation for Highways and Transportation matters as set out in Appendix A to Document “E” in so far as the powers listed in the revised Scheme of Delegation are non- Executive functions.**
- (2) That the revised Scheme of Delegation as set out in Appendix B to Document “E” will become operative only if, and when, approved by both Executive and Regulatory and Appeals Committee and the provisions of the previous Scheme of Delegation as set out in Appendix A to Document “E” will then be revoked.**
- (3) That the revised Scheme of Delegation shall remain in force until**

such time as it may be substituted, modified, varied, or repealed by decisions of the Executive or Regulatory and Appeals Committee or such person or body inheriting the powers of the Executive or Regulatory and Appeals Committee.

To be actioned by: Strategic Director Place

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee.

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