

PROCEDURE ON AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING INCLUDING RESERVED MATTERS APPLICATIONS

Item HP 24/45 referred from Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee of 3 December 2024

(Report of Cabinet Member for Planning and Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health)

The report provided an update in respect of the Non-Amendments Policy and presented an updated procedure (attached at Annex 1) for consideration.

The National Planning Policy Framework stated that decisions on planning applications should be made as quickly as possible and within statutory timescales unless a longer period had been agreed by the applicant in writing. With this in mind, it was proposed that the current procedure of a Non-Amendment Policy be amended and adopted to provide clarity on when amendments and additional information would be accepted, what happens when a refusal was recommended and information on the Planning Guarantee.

A number of amendments, attached at Annex A, were put forward by Cllr Mehmet and to give Officers sufficient time to give these appropriate consideration he proposed, seconded by Cllr Thornewell, that the Amendments Policy be presented to Cabinet in January 2025 following consultation with the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and the Cabinet Member for Planning. This was supported by the majority of the Committee.

***RECOMMENDED:** That:

- (1) the amendments put forward by Cllr Mehmet, attached at Annex A, be reviewed by Officers, in consultation with the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and the Cabinet Member for Planning; and
- (2) the Amendments Policy, reflecting any of the amendments put forward, be considered by Cabinet.

***Recommended to Cabinet**