

Minute extract from the Planning Committee held on 2 September 2026 for the item National Scheme of Delegation

The Committee endorsed the amendments to the Terms of Reference and the Member Good Practice Guidance with the following observations:

- That Planning and Development Control Committee are clear that in Leicester there is appropriate use of the Committee procedure and scheme of delegation for determining applications, and that consequently the right cases come to Committee with the remainder being entrusted to officers.
- There is a concern that, in future, legislation may broaden the range of matters caught under Schedule 1, and that officers and Committee needed to be vigilant to ensure that opportunity for legitimate Member involvement in determining applications was not unduly eroded.
- Members noted that the Gateway Test places significant power in the hands of the Nominated Member and the Nominated Officer and that the requirement for unanimity between them could, by default, result in more cases remaining delegated to officers.
- However, Members recognised the limited legal discretion available to the Council due to the statutory nature of the proposals, welcomed the attempts to align the new arrangements to mirror the current local scheme of delegation as far as possible, and agreed to support the proposals.