

**Committee:** Planning Committee Working Group **Date:** 23 March 2022  
**Title:** Changes to Section 2 Part 3 – responsibility for function relating to planning  
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## Summary

1. On 27 January [Planning Committee Working Group](#) (PCWG), members received a report with recommendations about changes to the general delegations to committees chief officers and deputy chief officers as they relate to Planning Committee and to Assistant Director of Planning. Now called the Director of Planning and Building Control. See Appendix 1
2. The Interim Director of Planning and Building Control has requested that one of the five changes is re-considered given that the Local Planning Authority was designated on 08/02/2022
3. The proposed change relates to paragraph 1.4. See Appendix 2.
4. On 27 January 2022 it was recommended that all major applications whether recommended for approval or refusal should be considered at Planning Committee. Members agreed this.
5. The wording is now recommended to be changed to allow for major applications to be refused under delegated powers.

## Recommendations

6. To recommend to GAP Committee that the changes set out in Appendix 2 paragraph 1.4 contained in Section 2 Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions should be agreed as changes to the constitution and recommended to Full Council for adoption:

## Financial Implications

7. Any proposed changes to the constitution to be facilitated within existing budgets.

## Background Papers

8. Appendix 1 Extract from the constitution with track changes Section 2 Part 3 - Responsibility for Functions

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	This group is a working group and will make recommendation to GAP
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

## 10.Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That a review does not take place in accordance with good governance and best practice as recommended by the East of England Local Government Association (EELGA)	3	3	The recommended changes are intended to improve the efficiency of the Local Planning Authority and create space for controversial applications to be considered by Planning Committee

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.