

Chief Planning Officer

- (a) With the exception of those matters where an appropriate Executive Member¹ has directed that the delegated authority should not be exercised and that the matter should be referred to the Executive Board for consideration² the Chief Planning Officer³ is authorised to discharge any function⁴ of the Executive in relation to the authority's role as local planning authority⁵.

¹ An "appropriate Executive Member" is the Leader or other appropriate portfolio-holding Member of the Executive Board.

² The Chief Officer may consider in respect of any matter that the delegated authority should not be exercised and that it should be referred for consideration to the Executive Board

³ The fact that a function has been delegated to the Chief Planning Officer does not require the Chief Planning Officer to give the matter his/her personal attention and the Chief Planning Officer may arrange for such delegation to be exercised by an officer of suitable experience and seniority. However the Chief Planning Officer remains responsible for any decision taken pursuant to such arrangements.

⁴ "Function" for these purposes is to be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion and includes the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of the specified functions. The delegation also includes the appointment of the Chief Planning Officer as "proper officer" for the purpose of any function delegated to him/her under these arrangements.

⁵ Save where any such functions are exercisable by a Plans Panel, the discharge of all **Council functions** relating to town and country planning and development control has been delegated to the Chief Planning Officer. No such **Council functions** will be exercisable by the Director of City Development