

Chief Planning Officer

Subject to the exceptions listed below, the Chief Planning Officer¹ is authorised to discharge the following Council (non-executive) functions:

Town and Country Planning and Development Control

(a)	To determine application for planning permission	Sections 70(1)(a) and (b) and 72 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(b)	To determine applications to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached	Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(c)	To grant planning permission for development already carried out	Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(d)	To decline to determine application for planning permission	Section 70A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(e)	Duties relating to the making of determinations of planning applications	Sections 69, 76 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Articles 8, 10 to 13, 15 to 22 and 25 and 26 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (SI 1995/419) and directions made thereunder
(f)	To determine application for planning permission made by a local authority, above or jointly with another person	Section 316 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/1492)
(g)	To make determinations, give approvals and agree certain other matters relating to the exercise of permitted development rights	Parts 6, 7, 11, 17, 19, 20, 21 to 24, 26, 30 and 31 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (SI 1995/418)
(h)	To enter into agreement regulating development or use of land	Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(i)	To issue a certificate of existing or proposed lawful use or development	Sections 191(4) and 192(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(j)	To serve a completion notice	Section 94(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(k)	To grant consent for the display of advertisements	Section 220 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 1992
(l)	To authorise entry onto land	Section 196A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(m)	To require the discontinuance of a use of land	Section 102 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(n)	To issue a temporary stop notice	Section 171E of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

¹ The fact that a function has been delegated to the Chief Officer does not require the Chief Officer to give the matter his/her personal attention and the Chief Officer may arrange for such delegation to be exercised by an officer of suitable experience and seniority. However the Chief Officer remains responsible for any decision taken pursuant to such arrangements.

Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (non-executive) functions)

(o)	To serve a planning contravention notice, breach of condition notice or stop notice	Sections 171C, 187A and 183(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(p)	To issue an enforcement notice	Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(q)	To apply for an injunction restraining a breach of planning control	Section 187B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(r)	To determine applications for hazardous substances consent, and related powers	Sections 9(1) and 10 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990
(s)	To determine conditions to which old mining permissions, relevant planning permissions relating to dormant sites or active Phase I or II sites, or mineral permissions relating to mining sites, as the case may be, are to be subject	Paragraph 2(6)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, paragraph 9(6) of Schedule 13 to the Environment Act 1995 (c 25) and paragraph 6(5) of Schedule 14 to that Act
(t)	To require proper maintenance of land	Section 215(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
(u)	To determine application for listed building consent, and related powers	Sections 16(1) and (2), 17 and 33(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
(v)	To determine applications for conservation area consent	Section 16(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990 , as applied by section 74(3) of that Act
(w)	Duties relating to applications for listed building consent and conservation area consent	Sections 13(1) and 14(1) and (4) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and regulations 3 to 6 and 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990 and paragraphs 8, 15 and 26 of Department of the Environment , Transport and the Regions Circular 01/01
(x)	To serve a building preservation notice, and related powers	Sections 3(1) and 4(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation areas) Act 1990
(y)	To issue enforcement notice in relation to demolition of listed building in conservation area	Section 38 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
(z)	To acquire a listed building in need of repair and to serve a repairs notice	Sections 47 and 48 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
(aa)	To apply for an injunction in relation to a listed building	Section 44A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
(bb)	To execute urgent works	Section 54 of Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
(cc)	To issue, amend or replace safety certificates (whether general or special) for sports grounds	The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975

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(dd)	To issue, cancel, amend or replace safety certificates for regulated stands at sports grounds	Part II of the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987
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Commons Registration

(a)	To register common land or town or village greens, except where the power is exercisable solely for the purpose of giving effect to (i) an exchange of lands affected by an order under section 19(3) of, or paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 3 to, the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c 67) or (ii) an order section 147 of the Inclosure Act 1845 (c8 & 9 Vict c 118)	Regulation 6 of the commons Registration (New Land) Regulations 1969 (SI 1969/1843)
(b)	To register variation of rights of common	Regulation 29 of the Commons Registration (General) Regulations 1966 (SI 1966/1471)
(c)	Functions relating to the registration of common land and town or village greens	Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006 (c.26) and the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1961)
(d)	Power to apply for an enforcement order against unlawful works on common land	Section 41 of the Commons Act 2006
(e)	Power to protect unclaimed registered common land and unclaimed town or village greens against unlawful interference.	Section 45(2)(a) of the Commons Act 2006.
(f)	Power to institute proceedings for offences in respect of unclaimed registered common land and unclaimed town or village greens	Section 45(2)(b) of the Commons Act 2006

Hedgerows and Trees

(a)	The protection of important hedgerows	The Hedgerows Regulations 1997
(b)	The preservation of trees	Sections 197 to 214D of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and the Trees Regulations 1999

High Hedges

(a)	Complaints about high hedges	Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003
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Exceptions:

Officer Delegation Scheme (Council (non-executive) functions)

The Chief Planning Officer is not authorised² to discharge the following functions:

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(a)	the determination of applications following a written request ⁴ to the Chief Planning Officer by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Ward Member concerning an application within his/her ward• a Chair of a Area Committee, concerning an application within his/her Area Committee area that an application be referred to the relevant Plans Panel;
(b)	the determination of applications for development that would constitute a significant departure from the Development Plan, including a significant departure from any Local Development Framework currently in force;
(c)	the determination of applications for development that would be materially different from any supplementary planning guidance or planning brief approved by or on behalf of the Council;
(d)	the determination of applications for major development ⁶ which would have significant impacts on local communities;
(e)	the approval of applications, where approval would reverse a previous decision taken by Plans Panel;
(f)	the approval of applications, where approval would conflict with an objection raised by a statutory technical consultee;
(g)	where the Chief Planning Officer considers that the application should be referred to the relevant Plans Panel for determination because of the significance, impact or sensitivity of the proposal;
(h)	the determination of applications submitted in a personal capacity by or on behalf of Members, the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, an Assistant Chief Executive, Director, Chief Officer or any officer who carries out development control functions.

Commons Registration

(a)	Where objections have been received.
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² Under this delegation scheme (council functions). A Plans Panel may however arrange for the discharge of **any** of its functions by the Chief Planning Officer - (Section 101(2) Local Government Act 1972).

⁴ This request must be made to the Chief Planning Officer within 21 days of the date of notification and must include reason(s) for the requested referral based on material planning consideration(s) and must give rise to concerns affecting more than neighbouring properties (these being those which are notified by means of a letter as part of the Council's policy regarding publicity on householder planning applications).

⁶ "Major Development" for these purposes means:

- Residential development involving the erection of ten or more dwellings or, if the number of dwellings are not known, sites of 0.5 hectares or more.
- Other development proposals (apart from minerals and waste development) where the application would result in the erection of gross floorspace of not less than 1,000 msq, or sites of 1 hectare or more.
- Minerals and waste development where the application may require an Environmental Impact Assessment