

SCHEME OF DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Council operates an extensive scheme of delegation of powers to officers, which allows decisions to be taken quickly and efficiently within defined policies.
- 1.2 New Forest District Council is the Local Planning Authority as referred to in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 and, so far as they still apply, the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 ('the Habitats Regulations').
- 1.3 The Habitats Regulations relate to the conservation of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora as required by the European Council Directive Council Directive 92/43/EEC. Through its terms of reference the Planning Committee has been delegated the power to determine all matters in respect of the Habitats Regulations.
- 1.4 The following powers are recommended to be delegated from the Planning Committee to officers:-

Source	Power Delegated	Delegated to
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010	To make an appropriate assessment, approve a development or otherwise exercise all powers and duties, to take all necessary action and make all decisions on behalf of the Local Planning Authority or a Competent Authority.	Executive Head, or Chief Planning Officer, or Service Manager, Development Control Team Leader, Planning Performance Team Leader, or Principal Planning Officer, or Senior Planning Officer.
Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017	To make an appropriate assessment, approve a development or otherwise exercise all powers and duties, to take all necessary action and make all decisions on behalf of the Local Planning Authority or a Competent Authority.	Executive Head, or Chief Planning Officer, or Service Manager, Development Control Team Leader, Planning Performance Team Leader, or Principal Planning Officer, or Senior Planning Officer.

2. CRIME AND DISORDER, ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Failure to maintain an up-to-date scheme of delegation of powers would however hamper the Council's efficiency.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Scheme of Delegation of Powers to Officers be updated as shown at paragraph 1.4 above.

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