

## **Suggested Amended Procedure for overturning Officer Recommendations**

1. Member moves a motion that they are “minded to” refuse (or permit) an application contrary to the officer’s recommendation.

(The member is required to state the planning reasons to support the motion).

2. If seconded, this motion is debated and a vote is taken on the “minded to” motion.

3. If the “minded to” motion is carried, the Chairman invites the Planning Manager to respond.

4. The Planning Manager may

EITHER:

(i) Respond at this point, in one of the following ways:

(a) whether she feels that consideration of the application should continue at that meeting or whether she is requesting a deferral to a future meeting, in order to consider the implications further or

(b) If consideration of the application is to continue at that meeting, whether she feels that the reasons are robust and defensible, in the case of refusal, or adequately expressed in the case of a permission.

OR:

(ii) Request the Chairman to adjourn the meeting in order to convene an officer “huddle” (which shall meet away from the committee room).

5. When the officer huddle returns (if one shall have been convened) the meeting will then resume and the Planning Manager will advise the meeting in one of the ways set out in 4(i) above.

6. If the Planning Manager has requested a deferral at any point, setting out her reasons, a decision will then be taken by the committee on her request.

7. If the Planning Manager has not requested deferral, consideration of the application may then continue.

8. In order to take a formal decision on the application, there needs to be a fresh motion with regard to determination of the application and a decision reached in the normal way, having regard to the advice previously given by the Planning Manager.

9. The Senior Democratic Services Officer shall ensure that if the officer’s recommendation is overturned that the reasons for so doing are fully minuted.