

## Appendix A

**Minute** of the discussion at **District Executive** held on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007** in the Council Chamber, Brympton Way, Yeovil, regarding the Review of the Development Control \*\* (Two Star) System – Referral of Applications to Regulation Committee

### **79. Review of the Development Control \*\* (Two Star) System – Referral of Applications to Regulation Committee (Agenda Item 9)**

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor Peter Seib, said it was good practice to challenge the Regulation Committee referral process regularly. It ensured that the Area Committee system was working consistently and this review had resulted in some minor changes to the criteria which he asked the Committee to endorse.

The Head of Development and Building Control said he had reviewed each application which had been determined by the Regulation Committee since 2001 and he found that the majority were for single dwellings in the open countryside. He noted that only 15 planning applications had been referred to the Regulation Committee in the last two years which he said, was insignificant when compare with over 6,000 applications received in this period. He commended the minor changes to the criteria for referral to Regulation Committee as detailed in the report.

During discussion, Members felt that in the interest of clarity, a note be added to Area Committee agendas referring to the new Paragraph D, that the Lead Planning Officer at the Committee in consultation with the Chair and Solicitor would be able to recommend that an application should be referred to Regulation Committee even if it has not been \*\*.

- RESOLVED:**
- (1) that the District Executive agree that the Council continue to operate a \*\* referral system for planning applications to be forwarded to the Regulation Committee
  - (2) that the District Executive agree the minor changes to the criteria for referral to the Regulation Committee as indicated in the report.
  - (3) In the interest of clarity, in future, Area Committee Agendas include reference to Paragraph D; the Lead Planning Officer at the Committee in consultation with the Chair and Solicitor will be able to recommend that an application should be referred to Regulation Committee even if it has not been \*\*.

**Reason:** to approve the continuation of the \*\* referral system of planning applications to the Regulation Committee and agree the minor changes to the criteria for referral as indicated in the report.

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