

## REPORT

To: THE COUNCIL		Subject: SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION: PLANNING HEARINGS COMMITTEE
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES		
Date: 24 August 2009	Ref: JAF/IL	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report recommends that the Council agree that the Scheme of Administration be altered and that a Planning Hearings Committee be established.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 As indicated in the report of 18 August 2009 by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, which is item 2 on the agenda of this meeting, Section 38A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, when read together with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008, provides that, before determining a planning application which can be determined only by the Council itself, the Council requires to give the applicant and any person who has submitted representations an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a Committee of the Council. It is for that reason that the report recommended the establishment of such a Committee with regard to planning application C/07/01982/OUT.
- 2.2 To avoid the need to establish such a Committee on each occasion on which the Council requires to determine an application for planning consent it is recommended that the Council now agree to alter the Scheme of Administration and establish a Planning Hearings Committee.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council agree that the Scheme of Administration be altered and that a Planning Hearings Committee be established the membership of which will consist of all members of the Council, the Convener of which will be Councillor James Coyle and the Vice-Convener Councillor Mark Griffin.

  
Head of Central Services

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