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REPORT TO:	CABINET 19th JANUARY 2015
AGENDA ITEM NO:	addendum to item 14
SUBJECT:	RESPONSE TO BUDGET SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY AND STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE: MEMBER REFERRALS TO PLANNING
LEAD OFFICER:	Jo Negrini – Acting Executive Director - Places
LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Alison Butler
WARDS:	All
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	The constitutional requirement that Cabinet considers recommendations from scrutiny committees.

The Leader of the Council has agreed that Cabinet have delegated power to make the decisions set out in the recommendations below.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1. The Cabinet is recommended to agree the draft response to the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee in relation to limiting member referrals to the Planning Committee as set out in section 2 below.

2. DETAIL

2.1 The Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee at its meeting on 17th December 2014 agreed to:

- Recommend that Cabinet should provide more information to Council about the implications of the proposal to limit further member referrals to the Planning Committee to major applications only (as referrals from MPs and GLA Members have already been limited) before any decision is taken.

2.2 **Recommended Cabinet response:**

This relates to new changes that have not yet been designed or implemented. The saving is targeted for 2016/17 to allow time to get the changes in place. It relates to Minor and householder applications. Consideration of these by committee costs considerably more than if they are determined under delegated powers. We shall look at implementing changes to the committee arrangements where these applications are determined under delegated powers rather than at committee. Ward members will still be consulted on them and can comment. Officers will take their views into account in arriving at a recommendation as they do now.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

pre-decision scrutiny report to the Scrutiny and Strategic Overview Committee **17.12.14**
agenda item 7 - Council Budget 2015/16

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