

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	21, JANUARY, 2010
TITLE	NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ALWYN GRUFFYDD.
PURPOSE	TO PRESENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION
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1. There is a Notice of Motion relating to the role of the Central Planning Committee before the Council. The purpose of this report is to present some background information on the effect of the proposal on the Council's Constitution.
2. The Delegation Scheme for Committees in the Council's Constitution notes the following responsibilities for the Central Planning Committee:-

"THE CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

To fulfil the following functions:-

- (i) to decide, on the Council's behalf, any planning applications that are considered county matters because their effect extends beyond the boundaries of one of the Councils' areas;
 - (ii) to decide on any decisions by area planning committees which cannot be the responsibility of the Board, called in by an officer under Council Procedure Rule 17 or referred up by the appropriate number of members under Council Procedure Rule 21"
3. The effect of adopting the proposal would be deleting Clause (ii) of the above Functions and possibly amending part of Clause (i) to add a description of county matters.
 4. The proposal also envisages that the Area Planning Committees would be answerable directly to the full Council. This would mean that planning matters which are referred up by members or are called in by officers are referred to full Council for discussion and decision.
 5. For information the number of applications referred to the Central Committee during the last 5 years is noted below.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
15	7	7	13	6

6. In adopting the proposal it would be necessary to make consequential amendments to Procedure Rule 17 (Area Committees), Procedure Rule 21 (Reference-up of Decisions) and to parts 9 (Planning Committee Decisions Contrary to Officer Recommendation) and 10 (The Role of the Central Planning Committee) of the Planning Code of Practice.