

Area Planning Committees

The Council has established four Area Planning Committees, based on the local government boundaries of the predecessor Borough and District Councils.

The purpose of the Committees is to consider area based planning matters not otherwise reserved for consideration by the Strategic Planning Committee or else dealt with by planning officers under delegated powers.

These Rules detail the membership of the Committees and what the roles and responsibilities of the Committees are.

MEMBERSHIP

The Committees shall comprise 9 Councillors whose wards are situated within the defined areas, all of whom shall have undertaken required training. The Committees shall represent political balance within the defined areas.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Named substitutes from a pool of two Councillors from each political group within the defined areas. Substitutes must have completed relevant training.

Political groups may nominate their own members to the pool in accordance with the proportionalities in force at the time and may vary their nominees as and when required subject to the training requirements referred to.

CHAIRMANSHIP

Term of office will be one year.

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed by the Council.

QUORUM

The quorum shall be 5.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

To exercise the Council's functions relating to town and country planning and development management in relation to applications for smaller scale, non-strategic development including:

- a) Residential development of up to 249 dwellings that is not related to a strategic development

- b) Retail, commercial or industrial developments with a floor space of up to 9,999m² or more, or a site area of 4.99ha that is not related to a strategic development
- c) Any matter involving energy production up to 9.9MW of energy generation capacity and / or with a site area of up to 9.99ha that is not related to a strategic development
- d) Any matter involving highway infrastructure, that in the opinion of the relevant senior planning officer, is not primarily concerned with improving or changing the strategic highway infrastructure network.