

Terms of Reference:

The Planning Committee shall be responsible for all the Council's planning functions, excepting those matters which are expressly delegated to officers or reserved to full Council.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Exercising the Council's powers and duties in relation to local planning policies, plan strategies, the statement of community involvement and any other development plan documents in conjunction with the Strategic Policy and Resource Committee who will consider all of the said policies and plans to ensure that they are consistent with the broader strategic objectives of the Council;
- Reconsideration of local planning policies, plan strategies, the statement of community involvement and any other development plan documents in respect of which the Strategic Policy and Resource Committee considers to be inconsistent with the broader strategic objectives of the Council;
- Deciding applications for planning permission and whether to impose any condition, limitation or other restriction on an approval, consent, licence or permission;
- Revoking, amending, modifying or varying any approval, consent, licence or permission;
- Determining any matters related to the exercise of permitted development rights as set out in the Planning (General Development) Order (NI) 1993 or any other legislation relating to such rights;
- Exercising the Council's powers and duties in relation to development control;
- Determining applications for the display of advertisements and whether to impose any condition, limitation or other restriction on such advertisements;
- Determining applications for planning permission or consents for listed buildings and exercising any related powers and duties; including the revocation or modification of such a consent;
- Exercising the Council's powers in relation to the preservation of trees;
- Dealing with any other planning related matter that a meeting of Council or any other Committee considers appropriate to be referred to the Planning Committee;
- Responding to consultations on local planning policies, plan strategies the statement of community involvement and any other development plan documents in adjoining authorities;
- Responding to consultations issued by the Department of Social Development, or any other Department, in relation to planning matters;
- Responding to consultations in relation to regionally significant or major applications to be determined by the Department of Social Development

The Planning Committee may also reconsider any decision referred to it by the Director of Planning and Place, in consultation with the Town Solicitor.