



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Town Planning Committee
Subject:	Royal Town Planning Institute Event – 13 November 2013
Date:	17 October 2013
Reporting Officer:	Mrs Petra Scarborough, ext 6003
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1	Relevant Background Information
	Notification has been received regarding a Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) Event entitled “Responsibilities of Planning Committees”, which will take place in the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre, Oxford Island, Craigavon on Wednesday 13 November 2013 from 9.30 am until 1.30 pm (including lunch).

2	Key Issues
	<p>This is a councillor focussed event which will consider the roles and relationships of elected members and officers dealing with planning committees, an essential element of any prosperous council area. The aim of the event will be to provide a realistic reflection of what the role of an elected representative on a planning committee will entail; some of the pitfalls and hazards, supported by examples while still reflecting on how positive and important the role can be.</p> <p>The speakers at the event will include Councillor Mike Haines, District Councillor at Teignbridge; Angus Kerr, Director of the Department of the Environment Planning Policy Division; Dr Roisin Willmott, Director of the RTPI Wales and Northern Ireland; and Dr Peter Geraghty, RTPI President and Group Manager for Development Control and Building Control, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.</p>

3	Resource Implications
	The cost of attending the event is £15 for RTPI Members.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
	There are no relevant equality and good relations implications.

5	Recommendations
	It is recommended that the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman, together with one Member from each of the remaining Parties, or their nominees, be authorised to attend the event.

6	Decision Tracking
	Mrs Petra Scarborough by 13 November 2013.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	None

8	Documents Attached
	Event brochure.