

**ALL-PARTY WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNITY
PLANNING**

Terms of Reference

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1. Role and Responsibilities

The role of the All-Party Working Group on Community Planning will be to support, influence, monitor and challenge the development of community planning in Belfast and related programmes and projects.

2. Terms of Reference

Specifically, the All-Party Working Group will:

- Provide recommendations on the strategic direction and political input to the community planning process within Belfast.
- Act as a reference panel in the wider development of the Council's community planning function.
- Consider actions and interventions which the Council may wish to propose to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to contribute to the vision and outcomes set out in the community plan.
- Enable elected members to receive regular updates on the progress of the Delivery Boards, who drive the implementation of programmes and projects that seek to realise the vision and outcomes of the community plan.
- Ensure that elected members within Parties are kept informed on community planning activity and relevant programmes of work.
- Champion a cohesive approach within the Council to Community Planning.
- Develop and maintain expertise in the field of community planning.
- Collate and consider best practice from other cities and local authorities from the UK, Ireland and internationally.
- Make recommendations for the continuous improvement of the community planning function.
- Whilst not having a decision-making function, it will make recommendations and report to the Strategic Policy and Resources (SP&R) Committee on a regular basis through reports and minutes of meetings. All significant decisions affecting the future direction of Community Planning in Belfast will be taken by the SP&R Committee.

3. Membership

The All-Party Working Group on Community Planning will comprise of one member from each of the political parties in the Council.

4. Chairperson

In line with the SP&R Committee decision on 19th August 2016, a Chairperson will be appointed on an annual basis. This item of business will be placed on the agenda for the first meeting of each Working Group following the Annual Council meeting each year.

5. Frequency of meetings

The All-Party Working Group on Community Planning will meet on a quarterly basis unless otherwise required.

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