

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Powers, Duties and functions of this Committee are as follows:-

Terms of Reference

1. Constitution

The Constitution of this Committee shall be those Members appointed by the Council. (The Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor are ex officio Committee Members). The Committee shall be responsible for the election of the Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson annually.

2. Purpose

As a Statutory Consultee of the Planning Authority(ies), to consider all applications passed to Newton Abbot Town Council from the Planning Authority and make recommendations upon the suitability of the application.

On behalf of the Town Council make recommendations regarding:-

- Regional Planning Advice
- The County Structure Plan
- The District Council's Local Plan
- Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Development Plan

And all issues appertaining to or arising from the above plans.

On behalf of the Town Council make recommendations regarding the planning structure in the parish of Newton Abbot and planning policy in general.

3. Sub Committee – Working Groups

The Planning Committee shall be able to constitute sub-committees and working groups to study any aspect of the Committee's sphere of activity.

4. Delegated Power

The Planning Committee is authorised to make binding decisions on behalf of Newton Abbot Town Council with regard to all aspects of paragraph 2 provided that in all cases the meeting is quorate.

5. Membership of Committee

Membership to be a maximum of 16 Councillors, to be appointed annually.

5. Quorum of Committee

A third of the members appointed to the Committee shall constitute a quorum of the Planning Committee, minimum of 3.

If the number of Councillors present (not including those debarred by reason of a declared interest) falls below the required quorum the meeting shall be adjourned and business not transacted shall be transacted at the next meeting or on such other day as the Chairman may fix.

6. Limitations

Standing Orders – reference 24. (d)

7. Attendance at meetings

All members of the Council are permitted to attend the Planning Committee and speak on matters relating to their Ward but may not vote unless a member of the Committee. All members of the authority may attend all meetings of the Council and speak thereat with the permission of the Committee Chairman but may not vote unless a member of the Committee.

8. Review

These terms of reference are to be reviewed annually.

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