

Section 17

Planning Control Committee

17.1 Status

The Planning Control Committee is a Committee of the Council.

17.2 Membership and Method of Appointment

The Committee will comprise such Members as appointed by the Council in compliance with Section 15 and Schedule 1 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 concerning Political Balance.

The Council's 'Substitution Scheme for Committees (Part 3, Section 25 of this Constitution) shall apply, with each political group entitled to nominate one named substitute.

17.3 Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee will be appointed by Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.

17.4 Attendance by Councillors Who Are Not Members of the Committee

Council Procedure Rule 6(6) will apply.

The Local Protocol for Planning Decision Making (Part 5, Section 39, of this Constitution) provides the process for non-Committee Councillors to make representations at the Committee and those Councillors of the Committee who may have a personal or personal and prejudicial interest.

17.5 General Public Speaking to Committee

A copy of the protocol for public speaking adopted by this Committee is in Part 5 of this Constitution.

17.6 Frequency of Meetings

Meetings of the Committee will be held in accordance with the schedule of meetings agreed by the Council and other arrangements regarding the calling of meetings.

17.7 Agenda

Prior to the meeting of the Committee, the Managing Director will circulate to Members of the Committee the Agenda and Reports to be considered.

17.8 Proceedings

The Managing Director (or nominee) shall be the Clerk to the Planning Control Committee.

The Council's Procedure Rules listed in Council Procedure Rule 22 will apply.

17.9 Functions

To carry out the following functions in accordance with the Codes of Conduct, Local Protocols and Planning Guidance:

- (i) determining applications made under the Town and Country Planning Acts (applications for planning permission, approval of reserved matters, listed building consent, conservation area consent, consent to display advertisements, certification of lawful use for development, approval to fell or carry out work to trees which are the subject of Tree Preservation Orders (TPO), applications for prior notification of agricultural, forestry, telecommunications development and demolition) other than those delegated to Officers under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.
- (ii) making of comments on applications made to Staffordshire County Council and adjoining local planning authorities.
- (iii) enforcement of planning control.
- (iv) the making of Tree Preservation Orders.
- (v) Providing 'screening' and 'scoping' opinions on behalf of the Council under the Terms of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999.

17.10 Delegated Powers

The Committee is empowered to deal with any functions detailed above, in accordance with the Officer Scheme of Delegation.

17.11 Other Matters

No Committee Member can attend the Committee before they have attended relevant training in relation to the functions of the Committee.