

Terms of reference for Planning Committee

2. Planning Committee

2.1 The Planning Committee will be responsible for the discharging the following functions and delegated powers:-

- Deciding applications for planning permission and whether to impose any condition, limitation or other restriction on an approval, consent, licence, permission or registration granted and deciding any other terms to which any such approval, consent, licence, permission or registration is subject.
- Revoking, amending, modifying or varying any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration or any condition, limitation or term to which it is subject.
- Deciding applications to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached.
- Deciding to grant planning permission for developments already carried out.
- Declining to decide applications for planning permission
- Deciding applications for planning permission made by a local authority, alone or jointly with another person.
- Deciding, giving approvals and agreeing certain other matters relating to the exercise of permitted development rights.
- Deciding to enter into agreement regulating development or use of land.
- Granting consent for the display of advertisements.
- Power to determine applications for hazardous substances consent, and related powers
- Deciding conditions to which old mining permissions, relevant planning permissions relating to dormant sites or active Phase I or II sites, or mineral permissions relating to mining sites, as the case may be, are to be subject.
- Deciding applications for listed building consent, and exercising the related powers and duties.
- Deciding applications for conservation area consent, and exercising the related powers and duties.
- Executing urgent works
- Making limestone pavement orders.
- Exercising the County Council's powers relating to the preservation of trees.
- Deciding whether, and how, to enforce any failure to comply with an approval, consent, licence, permission or registration; or a condition, limitation or term to which such approval, consent, licence, permission or registration is subject; and any other contravention in relation to a matter with regard to which the function of determining an application for approval, consent, licence, permission or registration would not be the responsibility of the Cabinet. This includes the following powers:-
 - To issue a planning contravention notice, breach of condition notice, stop notice (full) or temporary stop notice and to serve a completion notice.
 - To require the discontinuance of a use of land.
 - To issue or withdraw an enforcement notice and to waive or relax any requirement of the notice
 - To apply for an injunction restraining a breach of planning control
- Exercising the County Council's powers and duties relating to Local Development Documents which are Development Plan Documents.

- Agreeing to establish a joint committee to be, for the purposes of Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a local planning authority.

- 2.2 Where the Planning Committee are minded to refuse an application for planning permission which has been submitted on behalf of the Cabinet in respect of a County Council service, the application shall not be determined by the Planning Committee but shall be referred to a Special Ad Hoc Panel comprising five members of the Audit Committee who are not members of the Cabinet, the relevant Scrutiny Committee, or the Planning Committee.
- 2.3 Meetings of the Planning Committee will be subject to the Procedural Standing Orders in Section 10 of this Constitution and, in addition the Committee has agreed a protocol for Members of the public who have made representations to speak at meetings of the Committee. The operation of this protocol is regular reviewed and the up to date version can be found at <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/committee/>
- 2.4 In addition the Planning Committee will establish a **Countryside and Rights of Way Panel, Safety of Sports Grounds Panel and Licensing Panel** of five members of the Committee with full delegated powers to deal with the following matters detailed below.