

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Membership – 13
2. Quorum - 4
3. Terms of Reference

3.1 To advise the Executive on the following:

- (i) Identification of consumer needs for services related to planning and development services and facilities functions of the Committee, and recommendation on the development of services and facilities to meet them, including:

- Land use plans and policy, including local plans
- Employment and economic development
- Development control services

and advising the Executive/Council accordingly.

- (ii) Management and maintenance of planning and development related facilities and services in item 1, including employment and training facilities and services.
- (iii) Monitoring and review of performance in relation to the provision and development of planning and development services and facilities, including employment and training facilities and services, whether provided by the Development & Regeneration Division, other Council Service Delivery Units, or outside contractors and advising the Executive/Council accordingly.
- (iv) The promotion of economic development of Stevenage, and of specific industrial/commercial land and premises within Stevenage, as to use and development and, where appropriate, about monitoring negotiations for development and redevelopment.
- (v) Development and encouragement of local businesses, employment and training initiatives, with co-ordination and implementation by the Executive as appropriate.
- (vi) The allocation and monitoring of grant aid and loans to local employment and training initiatives.

- 3.1 Responsibility for Development Control, including Listed Building Control – determination of planning applications, and enforcement matters under planning regulations.

- 3.2 Responsibility for Building Control – determination of applications under the Building Regulations, and enforcement matters under planning and building legislation.
- 3.3 Responsibility for the determination of Countryside Management and Tree Preservation matters, including the making of Tree Preservation Orders and related matters, and including consultation with appropriate outside bodies.
- 3.4 Matters imposed or permitted by legislation in relation to the functions of the Committee.
- 3.5 Insofar as they are not already referred to in these terms of reference, those relevant powers set out in Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions & Responsibilities) (England) Regulations as amended (see Table 2 of Part 3 of this Constitution); as clarified by the regulations, subject to them being dealt with, as appropriate, by officers under delegated powers. This is to include the making of charges for any approval, licence or registration etc., in relation to the powers referred to.
- 3.6 Insofar as they are not already referred to in these terms of reference, those local choice functions set out at Table 3 of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.
- 3.7 Any other appropriate matter referred.