

The Development Control Committee

Wherever the current version of the Constitution (May 2007) refers to the “Area Development Control Committees (East and West)”, this should be substituted with the “Development Control Committee”. Paragraphs 5.2(c) and 5.5 of Part 4, Rules of Procedure, shall not apply until such time as the Constitution is formally reviewed.

The Development Control Committee **Terms of Reference**

1. To determine all planning applications and related matters, enforcement matters, tree and hedgerow matters, and conservation area matters, subject to the provisions outlined below.
2. To make decisions on planning applications which would be contrary to policy, only when the Head of Planning and Building Control, or his or her authorised representative, confirms that the departure is of a minor nature; or that there are sound planning reasons for the said departure.
3. To receive information and monitoring reports on items determined under delegated powers and on the status of, or decisions on appeals.
4. To establish a judging panel as required to promote, consider, evaluate and judge submissions under the Graham Allen Awards Scheme and make awards accordingly.
5. When a determination under paragraph 1 or 2 would, in the view of the Head of Planning and Building Control;
 - a) have major implications for planning policy or
 - b) be a significant departure from the Development Plan without sound reasons for doing sothat matter will be deferred until a subsequent meeting of the Development Control Committee when the membership will be invited to consider and determine that matter, following consultation, in appropriate cases, with the Council’s Monitoring and Section 151 Officers.
6. When the Development Control Committee Chairman wishes to speak on a planning matter relating to his/her Ward, he/she will be permitted to vacate the Chair and speak from the floor as a Local Member, returning to the Chair once the matter has been determined.
7. To make recommendations to the Cabinet on matters of planning policy or practice.
8. For the avoidance of doubt the quorum of meetings under paragraph 5 will be one half of the total number of Members of the Development Control Committee.

Note: The applications referred to in these Terms of Reference are those detailed in Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; in the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990; in the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 and in any enactment modifying, amending or replacing any of these enactments. The expression shall also apply to any reference to an application to be decided by the Council in relation to any matter covered by these Terms of Reference and not specifically allocated to another Committee.