

SECTION 8

8. Regulatory Committees

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8.4 Planning Control Committee

8.4.1 Membership

No more than twelve (12) members shall be appointed to the Planning Control Committee.

[Note - members may be requested to present to a Planning Inquiry or Hearing any Planning Control Committee objection to a planning application or reasons for refusing an application.]

8.4.2 Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the Planning Control Committee shall be five (5) voting members of that Committee.

8.4.3 Meetings

There shall be twelve (12) regular meetings of the Committee per year. The procedure for the participation of members of the public and non-Committee members is set out in Appendix 1 to this Section 8.

8.4.4 The Planning Control Committee shall determine those planning applications and related matters referred to it in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 (as may be amended) and any associated statutory guidance.

8.4.5 Applications not referred to the Planning Control Committee in accordance with those Regulations shall be determined by officers under delegated authority in accordance with the Council's Planning Scheme of Management which may be altered from time to time.

8.4.6 Applications falling within Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026 may be referred to the Planning Control Committee only where:

- (a) the nominated officer and member agree that referral is appropriate; and
- (b) the requirements of Regulation 5 are satisfied.

8.4.7 Applications made by the Council, a Member, or officer, or any application in which the Council, a Member or an officer has an interest shall be considered in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026.

Nominated Officer / Nominated Member Provisions

8.4.8 For the purposes of the National Scheme of Delegation:

- (a) the Director: Place (or officer delegated officer under the Planning Management Scheme and delegated such authority in accordance with Section 14 of The Constitution) shall act as the nominated officer;
- (b) the Chair of the Planning Control Committee (or such substitute arrangements as the Council may determine) shall act as the nominated member.

Appropriate substitute arrangements shall be maintained where either individual is unavailable or has an interest in the application concerned.

Record Keeping and Transparency Provision

8.4.9 The Council shall maintain a record of:

- (a) Applications considered for referral to the Planning Control Committee under the National Scheme of Delegation;
- (b) Whether referral was agreed or refused; and
- (c) The reasons for that decision.

Such information shall reported periodically to the Planning Control Committee and published on the Council's website.

8.4.10 The Director: Place shall maintain, periodically review and publish a scheme of management setting out operational arrangements for the National Scheme of Delegation.

[No changes to Appendix 1 to Section 8 – THE MEMBERS PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE]