

## **Section 2 – Regulatory Committee Functions**

### **Introduction**

These regulatory functions consist of:

- functions which the Executive may not in law exercise, and
- 'local choice' functions where Council has decided that they shall not be exercised by the Executive.

The Council has delegated to every Committee full powers to act in all matters covered by the Committee's terms of reference subject to:

- (a) the provisions of any financial or procedural rules for the time being in force as set out in this constitution, except where such rule has been specifically waived by resolution of the Council;
- (b) prior Council approval to recommendations for the allocation of duties or powers;
- (c) the right of Council to call for a report on any committee decision;
- (d) the right of Council to exercise the powers which have been delegated, when necessary.

Each Committee may appoint, and delegate any of its powers to, sub-committees and officers and may also authorise an officer, after consultation with the chairman of the Committee, to take other decisions on specific urgent matters falling within its own terms of reference. Each Committee may, from time to time, amend or vary the delegation of its powers to sub-committees and officers.

Every Committee shall have the power to undertake its functions for other local authorities.

Any sub-committee established by a Committee must refer back to the Committee for decision any matters which the committee reserves to itself, and must submit to it the minutes of all the sub-committee's meetings.

Where any delegation under this part of the Constitution refers to specific legislation or regulations, it includes a reference to that legislation or those regulations as re-enacted, consolidated, modified or amended.

## **2.1 Appeals and Planning Review Committee**

- 2.1.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training within the past three years in order to hold a seat on this committee.

### **Terms of Reference**

- 2.1.2 To review appeals procedures for the Council's various services (excluding appeals procedures which are determined by statute) and, where change is recommended, formulate proposals to the Executive or Council.
- 2.1.3 To hear and determine appeals about all the Council's services, other than employee appeals and those for which there are separate, statutory appeals procedures, and to set up panels for this purpose.

### **Planning Reviews**

- 2.1.4 To determine any planning matter that has been referred to the Committee following the implementation of the planning call-in procedure.
- 2.1.5 The Committee shall adopt the Planning Speaking Scheme at its meetings and shall follow the same procedure as the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee.
- 2.1.6 All Members of the Committee (and substitutes) shall have received appropriate training before being involved in the determination of a planning matter.

### **Appeals Panel**

- 2.1.7 The Committee has set up a panel to hear appeals about Council Services. The panel will consist of three members drawn from the Committee. For this purpose, officers may draw upon members with training relevant to the subject matter of the appeal in order to ensure sufficient members are available to conduct the hearing, and to avoid involving any member who was involved in the original decision which is the subject of the appeal. Panel members should not be a representative of the Ward of the appellant. The quorum shall be three members. Political balance applies to the panel.

## **2.2. Audit Committee**

2.2.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training within the past three years in order to hold a seat on this committee.

### **2.2.2 Terms of Reference**

2.2.2.1 To consider the annual report and opinion of the Corporate Director Resources and a summary of internal audit activity (actual and proposed) and the level of assurance it can give over the Council's corporate governance arrangements.

2.2.2.2 To consider summaries of specific internal audit reports as requested.

2.2.2.3 To consider reports dealing with the management and performance of the providers of internal audit services.

2.2.2.4 To consider a report from internal audit on agreed recommendations not implemented within a reasonable timescale.

2.2.2.5 To consider the external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports, and the report to those charged with governance.

2.2.2.6 To consider specific reports as agreed with the external auditor.

2.2.2.7 To comment on the scope and depth of external audit work and to ensure it gives value for money.

2.2.2.8 To liaise with the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) over the appointment of the council's external auditor.

2.2.2.9 To commission work from internal and external audit.

2.2.2.10 To have oversight of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers policy and processes.

2.2.2.11 Authority to approve any changes regarding the Council's Whistle-Blowing policy and arrangements.

2.2.2.12 To consider reports in relation to the performance of the Council's companies, alongside comments from the Shareholder Cabinet Committee.

2.2.2.13 To produce an annual report for consideration by Full Council.

### **Regulatory Framework**

2.2.2.14 To review any issue referred to it by the Chief Executive or a Director, or any Council body.

2.2.2.15 To monitor the effective development and operation of risk management and corporate governance in the council.

2.2.2.16 To monitor Council policies on "raising concerns at work" and the anti-fraud and anti-corruption strategy and the Council's complaints process.

- 2.2.2.17 To oversee the production of the authority's Statement on Internal Control and to recommend its adoption.
- 2.2.2.18 To consider the Council's arrangements for corporate governance and agreeing necessary actions to ensure compliance with best practice.

### **Accounts**

- 2.2.1.19 To review the annual statement of accounts, specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the council.
- 2.2.1.20 To consider the external auditors report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts.

### **Independent Members of Audit Committee**

- 2.2.1.21 The Audit Committee will include up to 3 independent co-opted non-voting members sitting alongside 7 elected members. Independent members will be appointed by the Council to serve an initial 4 year term, which may be extended with the agreement of Council.
- 2.2.1.22 The Committee will be chaired by an Independent Member. In the absence of the appointed chair one of the remaining two Independent Members will be appointed as Chair by the Committee.
- 2.2.1.23 The Vice-Chair will be an elected member whose purpose will be to support the Chair and in the event of an equality of votes, to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 2.2.1.24 The role of an Independent Member is to support the Council's Audit Committee in its role to provide independent assurance to the members of Peterborough City Council, and its wider citizens and stakeholders.
- 2.2.1.25 Independent members will be expected to actively participate in meetings of the Audit Committee and demonstrate independence, integrity, objectivity and impartiality in their decision-making. They will support reporting as required to Full Council, including the Annual Audit Committee report.
- 2.2.1.26 Independent members will contribute to the work of the Audit Committee in its role in reviewing the Council's financial affairs, including making reports and recommendations, overseeing internal and external audit arrangements, reviewing and scrutinising financial statements, seeking assurances of compliance with the Treasury Management Strategy and practices and reviewing and assessing the governance, risk management and control of the authority.

## **2.3 Employment Committee**

2.3.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training within the past three years in order to hold a seat on this committee.

### **2.3.2 Terms of Reference**

2.3.2.1 To appoint Directors and Heads of Service, and determine terms and conditions of employment.

2.3.2.2 To determine employee procedures, including dismissal procedures.

2.3.2.3 To act as the Employer's Side of the Joint Consultative Panel (the Council's consultative body with recognised trade union representatives), for discussion and negotiation. When meeting in this context, the Cabinet member with human resource responsibilities may attend and speak, if not already a member of this committee.

2.3.2.4 To determine local terms and conditions of employment for employees.

2.3.2.5 To consider, and recommend appropriate actions where necessary in response to, executive proposals relating to:

- (a) changes within a Department's/Division's structure which involve substantial changes in the responsibilities of first and second tier posts;
- (b) requests for Trade Union facilities, including budget and establishment;
- (c) other executive human resources matters.

2.3.2.6 To promote and pursue a policy of equal opportunities in employment.

2.3.2.7 To determine pension issues which relate to auto enrolment.

### **2.3.3 Delegation to Officers**

2.3.3.1 The appropriate Director is authorised to make appointments to vacancies on the establishment at levels below Head of Service, within approved policy and budgets, subject to:

- (a) appointments of Directors and Heads of Service (unless on an interim or acting up basis in which case such appointments may be made by the Chief Executive) being made by the Employment Committee (the Chief Executive's appointment is subject to a separate procedure reserved to Council);
- (b) any limitations or other conditions in relation to filling vacancies which are currently required by the Executive.

2.3.3.2 The Chief Executive shall advertise vacancies subject to the authorisation of a recruitment requisition, to any overriding Council policy, to there being adequate budget provision, and to compliance with national or local agreements.

2.3.3.3 In respect of all employees, Directors may:

- (a) suspend employees in accordance with the agreed procedure, subject to consultation with the Director of Governance;

- (b) subject to the approved appeals procedure and consultation with the Director of Governance, take any disciplinary action (including dismissal) and any action relating to incapability (including dismissal);
- (c) approve the transfer of probationary staff to the permanent establishment at the end of their probationary period;
- (d) terminate the employment of staff whose performance has not been satisfactory during their probationary period;
- (e) in consultation with the Director of Governance, determine whether a post is unsuitable for job-share and appoint in accordance with that determination and Council policy;
- (f) award an additional payment/honorarium to any member of staff within the guide-lines determined by Director of Governance;
- (g) authorise Essential and Casual Car Allowances in accordance with Council policy and having regard to the circumstances of each case;
- (h) authorise reimbursement for the installation and rental charges in respect of telephones at private residences where staff are subject to contact in cases of emergency or where private telephones are used for business reasons;
- (i) vary job titles and job descriptions;
- (j) authorise pay in lieu of holidays (in exceptional circumstances);
- (k) terminate the employment of staff for any lawful reason, in consultation with the Director of Governance.
- (l) take decisions relating to the employment of staff, including establishment control and matters of staff recruitment, reward and discipline that are necessary for the effective delivery of service and to stay within allocated budgets, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member in relation to executive functions

2.3.3.4 Senior Officers from departments other than where the employee was employed should hear the appeal.

2.3.3.5 The Chief Executive is authorised to grade all posts other than Chief Executive, Directors, Heads of Service, Teachers, Crafts employees and posts covered by Soulbury Scales, in accordance with the Council's agreed Job Evaluation Scheme with the aim of recruiting and retaining high quality employees.

2.3.3.6 The Chief Executive to exercise personal responsibility for delegations to officers in relation to non-executive human resource matters, including the creation and disestablishment of posts, changes to job descriptions and matters related to the recruitment, reward and disciplining of staff.

2.3.3.7 Directors may determine matters relating to training and development, leave, temporary (including agency) and overlapping appointments and minor variations to the relocation scheme for new employees, within agreed cash limits and in accordance with approved Council policies, consulting the Director of Governance where appropriate.

2.3.3.8 The relevant Director, in consultation with the Corporate Director Resources, is authorised to consider and determine:-

- (a) any redundancy within the Council's redundancy policy;
- (b) premature retirement on the grounds of ill-health;
- (c) premature retirement in the interests of the service.

- 2.3.3.9 Directors, in consultation with the Director of Governance and the Chairman of the Committee, may authorise the extension of an employee's contract beyond retirement age for a maximum period of 6 months.
- 2.3.3.10 The Corporate Director Resources and Director of Governance are authorised following agreement by the relevant Director to approve, complete and transfer agreements relating to car loans including those which do not fall within Council policy, subject in these cases to consultation with the Director of Governance.
- 2.3.3.11 The Director of Governance is authorised to implement agreed employee policies.
- 2.3.3.12 The Chief Executive and Directors respectively in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder and the Director of Governance are authorised to update and amend the job descriptions and person specifications of Directors and Heads of Service/Assistant Directors.

## **2.4 Peterborough Corporate Parenting Committee**

2.4.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training within the past three years in order to hold a seat on this committee.

### **2.4.2 Terms of Reference**

#### **2.4.2.1 Our Commitment to Children and Young People in Care:**

2.4.2.1 Peterborough City Council is committed to raising the quality of life of everyone living within the city. For children in particular, the city council aims to provide high quality opportunities for learning and ensure children are healthy and safe. It is important that the Corporate Parenting Committee members ensure that the Council provides such care, education and opportunities that the Committee would be afforded to their own children.

### **2.4.3 Purpose:**

2.4.3.1 To ensure that the Council effectively discharges its role as Corporate Parent for all children and young people in care and care leavers and holds partners to account for the discharge of their responsibilities.

2.4.3.2 On behalf of the Council and partners of the Local Authority to ensure that all services directly provided for children and young people in care and care leavers are scrutinised to deliver to a high standard and to all statutory requirements.

2.4.3.3 To raise the aspiration, ambitions and life chances of children and young people in care, narrowing the gap of achievement between children in care and their peers.

2.4.3.4 To ensure that the Council effectively discharges its role as Corporate Parent for all children and young people in care and care leavers and holds partners to account for the discharge of their responsibilities.

2.4.3.5 To ensure that all elected members are aware of their corporate parenting responsibilities and that all Council services are mindful of the needs of children in care and respond accordingly within their particular remit.

### **2.4.4 Functions of the Committee:**

2.4.4.1 To act as advocates for looked after children and care leavers.

2.4.4.2 To receive statutory reports in relation to the adoption, fostering, commissioning, looked after children services and children's homes with a view to recommending any changes.

2.4.4.3 Ensure that the needs of looked after children and care leavers are addressed through key plans, policies and strategies throughout the Council overseeing interagency working arrangements.

2.4.4.4 Review complaints from looked after children to ensure officers have dealt with these appropriately and made any recommendations for change.



- 2.4.4.5 Raise awareness in Peterborough City Council and the wider community by promoting the role of members as corporate parents and the Council as a large corporate family with key responsibilities.
- 2.4.4.6 To monitor the quality of care delivered by the City Council and review the performance of outcomes for children and young people in care.
- (a) Raise the profile of the needs of looked after children and care leavers through a range of actions including through the organising of celebratory events for the recognition of achievement.
  - (b) Ensure that leisure, cultural, further education and employment opportunities are offered and taken up by our looked after children and care leavers.
  - (c) Promote the development of participation and ensure that the view of children and young people are regularly heard through the Corporate Parenting Committee to improve educational, health and social outcomes to raise aspiration and attainments.
  - (d) Hold meetings with children and young people in care, frontline staff and foster carers to inform the committee of the standards of care and improvement outcomes for looked after children.
  - (e) Monitor the ongoing commitment to providing support, training and clarity of expectations to foster carers to achieve excellent and high quality care.
  - (f) To appoint elected members as Champions for Children in Care, with the roles being decided and approved by the Committee at the first formal meeting of the municipal year.

## **2.4.5 Work Programme**

- 2.4.5.1 The Corporate Parenting Committee will formally agree a skeleton work programme annually which will be reviewed at each formal meeting. In reviewing the work programme, the Committee may agree to request reports on particular matters of their own preference or as advised by the lead officer.

## **2.4.6.2 Performance Monitoring**

- 2.4.6.3. The Corporate Parenting Committee will scrutinise and monitor outcomes for children in care and care leavers. To this end, the Committee will develop and agree a core data set which it wishes to receive at each Committee meeting. Additional detailed monitoring reports will be presented in accordance with the agreed work programme on the following key aspects of care:

- (a) Placement stability
- (b) Independent child care reviews
- (c) The performance of all care standards regulated services
- (d) Adoption and adoption support
- (e) Fostering
- (f) Children's homes
- (g) Service to care leavers, including accommodation, education, employment and training
- (h) The health needs of children in care
- (i) Educational attainment of children in care

- 2.4.6.4 The Corporate Parenting Committee will report to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and to the Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis or more frequently if required.

## **2.4.7 Membership of the Committee**

2.4.7.1 There will be a standing membership of the Corporate Parenting Committee to provide continuity and consistency. Councillors outside the standing membership will be invited to discuss issues and raise questions within a standing agenda item.

2.4.7.2 The membership of the Corporate Parenting Committee must include the Cabinet Member with the responsibility for Children's Services.

2.4.7.3 All Councillors are invited to attend the informal meetings. The Committee may also co-opt non-voting members. Membership may include up to four foster carers and representatives from the Children in Care Council. The Committee may invite participation from non-members where this is relevant to their work.

## **2.4.8 Children in Care Council**

2.4.8.1 Representatives from the Children in Care Council may attend the Corporate Parenting Committee up until and no later than 8pm.

## 2.5 Licensing Committee

2.5.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training within the past year in order to hold a seat on this committee.

### 2.5.2 Terms of reference

2.5.2.1 To undertake and perform all of the Licensing Authority's statutory functions and duties under the Licensing Act 2003 and to delegate functions in accordance with Guidance issued under Section 182 of that Act.

2.5.2.2 To delegate to sub-committees consisting of three members of the Licensing Committee the functions listed at 2.5.3.

2.5.2.3 To exercise the functions of the authority as listed in Schedule 2.5.5, where these are not delegated to officers as listed at section 2.5.4, namely:-

- (a) hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing
- (b) licensing marriage and entertainment
- (c) licensing shops and food premises
- (d) safety issues (sports grounds, and Health and Safety at Work Act)
- (e) licensing premises associated with live animals in accordance with regulations under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 or other applicable legislation
- (f) approval and enforcement duties relating to premises associated with dead animals and food production
- (g) employment related licensing functions
- (h) Betting, gaming, lotteries and charity collections
- (i) Licences for alcohol and entertainment etc
- (j) issue, grant, refuse, revoke, transfer, renew, vary, add conditions and set fees in relation to the licensing of sex establishments
- (k) Licences for scrap metal dealers

2.5.2.4 To consider and determine all applications in relation to the functions in Schedule 2.5.5, where:

- (a) they are not delegated to Officers;
- (b) the Officer with delegated authority refers the application to the Committee.

2.5.2.5 To consider whether or not to:

- (a) suspend, and/or
- (b) revoke, and/or
- (c) refuse to renew, and/or
- (d) amend any conditions of any existing licence/permit/consent in any case which is referred to the Licensing Committee by the relevant Officer where the holder has been:
  - (i) convicted of an offence involving dishonesty, indecency or violence, and/or
  - (ii) convicted of an offence or has failed to comply with the statutory provisions relating to the issue of any licence/permit/consent, or
  - (iii) in breach of any conditions attached to the issue of any licence/permit/consent, and/or
  - (iv) any other reasonable cause.

- 2.5.2.6 To approve (and periodically review) the standard conditions to be attached to any licence/permit/consent issued by the Council.
- 2.5.2.7 On recommendation by the Licensing Committee all statutory policies within the Licensing Committee's remit must go to Full Council for formal adoption. This includes any modifications, amendments to those policies.
- 2.5.2.8 On recommendation by the Licensing Committee all non-statutory policies must be submitted either to Full Council or Cabinet for formal adoption. Thereafter, any minor amendments or modifications, can be adopted by the Licensing Committee.
- 2.5.2.9 There is no power to suspend and call in any Licensing Committee decisions to Council for determination.

### **2.5.3 Delegations to Sub-Committees**

- 2.5.3.1 To undertake and perform all of the statutory duties and functions required of local authorities under the Licensing Act 2003 as follows:

- (a) application for a Personal License if there is a Police objection
- (b) application for a Personal License with unspent convictions in all cases
- (c) application for Premises License/Club Premises Certificate if a relevant representation is made
- (d) application for a provisional statement, if a relevant representation is made
- (e) application to vary Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate if a relevant representation is made
- (f) application to vary the Designated Premises Supervisor if there is a Police objection
- (g) application for transfer of a Premises Licence if there is a Police objection
- (h) application for interim authorities if there is a Police objection
- (i) application to review a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate in all cases
- (j) decision to object when the Local Authority is a consultee and not the relevant authority considering the application
- (k) determination of a Temporary Event Notice where objections have been received from relevant persons
- (l) in the event of all relevant representations concerning an application being withdrawn, the application is delegated to officers as per 2.5.4 below
- (m) decision to revoke or suspend (up to 6 months) personal licenses where a personal licence holder (licensed by this authority) has been convicted of a relevant or foreign offence or an immigration offence or penalty

- 2.5.3.2 To undertake and perform all of the statutory duties and functions proposed for local authorities under the Gambling Act 2005 as follows:

- (a) application for a premises license where representations have been received and not withdrawn;
- (b) application for a variation to a licence where representations have been received and not withdrawn;
- (c) application for a transfer of a licence where representations have been received from the Commission;

- (d) application for a provisional statement where representations have been received and not withdrawn;
- (e) review of a premise licence;
- (f) application for a club gaming/club machine permit where objections have been made and not withdrawn;
- (g) cancellation of a club gaming/club machine permit;
- (h) decision to give counter notice to temporary use notice.

#### 2.5.4 Delegations to officers

##### 2.5.4.1 **The Executive Director People and Communities is authorised:**

- (a) to set fees, issue/renew/suspend/revoke hackney carriage drivers' and vehicle licences and private hire drivers' and vehicle licences, except where the Officer is of the opinion that the application/matter should be considered by the Licensing Committee;
- (b) to approve advertising in or on purpose-built Hackney Carriage vehicles subject to there being no advertising of alcohol or tobacco related products and the advertisements complying with the code of acceptance except where the Officer is of the opinion that an application should be considered by Licensing Committee;
- (c) to set fees, issue/renew/suspend/revoke Private Hire Operator's licences except where the Officer is of the opinion that an application should be considered by the Licensing Committee.
- (d) to set the fees under the Gambling Act 2005 in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee
- (e) to determine Street Collection Permits; including those for special Christmas collections;
- (f) to determine house-to-house collection licences;
- (g) to determine house-to-house Christmas Carol Float permits;
- (h) to deal with the following registrations:
  - (i) Ear piercing, acupuncture, electrolysis and tattooing;
  - (ii) Food premises;
- (i) to issue/renew/amend/suspend/revoke the following licences:
  - (i) Hiring out horses;
  - (ii) Keeping of dangerous wild animals;
  - (iii) Selling animals as pets;
  - (iv) Breeding dogs;
  - (v) Providing or arranging for the provision of boarding for cats or dogs;
  - (vi) Zoos.
- (j) to issue, amend, revoke or refuse street trading consents boroughwide and including the use of the city centre pedestrian area, including those for:-
  - (i) annual food/commercial concessions; and
  - (ii) the Christmas street festival;
- (k) to prepare, amend, vary, attach and adopt as necessary, standard and other conditions to all licences, registrations and consents. The Corporate Director Resources will incorporate any special conditions requested or determined by Licensing Committee;
- (l) to consider and determine applications for certificates under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sports Act 1987.
- (m) to serve notices requiring information in relation to ownership of land and property under Section 16 of the Local government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

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- (n) to take appropriate action and issue all notices (including notices of entry) under the Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974;
- (o) to take all necessary action under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 except where the Officer is of the opinion that the application/matter should be considered by the Licensing Committee.
- (p) to exercise all the functions conferred by the Acts, Orders and Regulations set out below or any Act, Order or Regulation which extends or amends them or any Order, Instrument, Regulation or Byelaw made under them:
  - (i) Celluloid and Cinematograph Films Act 1922 – fire safety and storage provisions relating to celluloid film kept on premises;
  - (ii) Explosives Acts 1875 and 1923 – storage conditions and licensing for explosives;
  - (iii) Nurses Agencies Act 1957 – licensing and regulation of Nurses Agencies;
  - (iv) Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 – keeping or training for exhibition;
  - (v) Poisons Act 1972 – registration of sellers of some categories of poisons;
  - (vi) Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001.
- (q) to issue game dealers' licences;
- (r) under the Licensing Act 2003:
  - (i) to consider Applications for a Personal License if no objection is made
  - (ii) to consider Applications for a Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate if no relevant representation is made
  - (iii) to consider Applications for a provisional statement if no relevant representation is made
  - (iv) to consider Applications to vary Premises Licence/Club Premises Certificate if no relevant representation is made
  - (v) to consider Applications to vary the designated premises supervisor if there is no Police objection
  - (vi) to request to be removed as Designated Premises Supervisor in all cases
  - (vii) to consider Applications for transfer of Premises Licence if there is no Police objection
  - (viii) to consider Applications for interim authorities if there is no Police objection
  - (ix) to decide on whether a complaint is irrelevant, frivolous or vexatious in all cases
  - (x) to determine the suitability of films to be shown to particular age groups and licensing of premises showing films;
  - (xii) to license theatre premises in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003
  - (xiii) to issue, amend, suspend or refuse licenses under the Licensing Act 2003
  - (xiv) to take decisions in respect of applications for a minor variation to a premises/club premises certificate in all cases; and to take decisions relating to applications for the mandatory alcohol condition requiring a Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of a premises licence to be disapplied if there is no police objection
  - (xv) issue Closure Notices to premises operating in breach of their licensing conditions and apply for an Order to close the premises should the illegal behaviour continue.
- (s) under the Gambling Act 2005

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- (i) to set the fees when appropriate following consultation with the Chair of the Committee
- (ii) to consider applications for premises licenses where no representations have been received or representations have been withdrawn;
- (iii) to consider applications for a variation of a license where no representations have been received or representations have been withdrawn;
- (iv) to consider applications for a transfer of a licence where no representations have been received
- (v) to consider applications for a provisional statement where no representations have been received or representations have been withdrawn
- (vi) to consider applications for a club gaming/club machine permit where no objections have been made or objections have been withdrawn;
- (vii) to consider applications for other permits under the Act;
- (viii) to cancel licensed premises gaming machine permits as appropriate;
- (ix) to consider temporary use notices as appropriate
- (x) to designate an officer of a licensing authority as an authorised person for a purpose relating to premises under Section 304 of the Gambling Act 2005
- (xi) to institute criminal proceedings for offences under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 – Section 346 of the Act
- (xii) to exchange information under Section 350 of the Act
- (xiii) to have a statement of principles for Unlicensed Family Entertainment Centres.
- (xiv) to have a statement of principles for Prize Gaming.
- (t) To issue/renew/transfer and add conditions in relation to sex establishment licences where no representations have been received or representations have been withdrawn.
- (u) Determine variation applications in relation to sex establishments, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.
- (v) To grant or refuse and attach conditions to permit an exhibition, demonstration or performance of hypnotism on any person and to vary and/or attach conditions.

2.5.4.2 The Executive Director People and Communities, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, is authorised to:  
Determine the fees for premises licences (The Gambling (Premises License Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/479)).

2.5.4.3 The Executive Director People and Communities is authorised:

- (a) to monitor and regulate the employment of young people below school leaving age, including issuing of work permits, investigation of breaches to bye-laws and meeting all LEA statutory responsibilities with regard to prosecution of employers who contravene employment legislation;
- (b) to grant or refuse licences for children to take part in public entertainment or performances and to grant or refuse chaperone licences, in accordance with bye-laws.

- 2.5.4.4 The Executive Director People and Communities is authorised to determine applications for licenses to use premises for holding a marriage or civil ceremony



**2.5.5 Schedule of relevant functions – Licensing Committee**

**2.5.5.1 Hackney carriage and private hire licensing**

Function	Relevant legislation
Licensing hackney carriages and private hire vehicles	HACKNEY CARRIAGES Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (10 & 11 Vict. C.89), as extended by Public Health Act 1875 (38 & 39 Vict. C.55), Section 171 and Transport Act 1985 (c.67) Section 15; and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c.57) Sections 47, 57-58, 60, 70 and 79. PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Sections 48, 57-58, 60 and 79.
Licensing drivers of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Sections 51, 53-54, 59, 61, 70 and 79
Licensing operators of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Sections 55-58, 62, 70 and 79

**2.5.5.2 Licences for Marriage and Entertainment**

Approving premises for the solemnisation of marriage and civil partnerships	Marriage Act 1949 (c.76) s46A (as inserted by Marriage Act 1994 (c.34), Section 1); and The Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005, No.: 3168)
Licensing sex shops and sex cinemas	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (c.30), Section 2 and Schedule 3 (as amended by Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), Schedule 6, paragraph 85.
Licensing performances of hypnotism	The Hypnotism Act 1952 (c.46), Section 1 as amended by Licensing Act 2003 (c.17) paragraph 198 and Schedule 6, paragraphs 25 – 27

Licensing pleasure boats and pleasure vessels	Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (c.53), s.94 as amended by Local Government Act 1974 (c.7) Schedule 6 Para 1 and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c.57), Section 18 and Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c.65), s186 as substituted by ; Deregulation (Public Health Acts Amendment Act) Order 1997 (SI 1997/1187), Section 94(8)
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2.5.5.3 Licensing of shops and food premises

Licensing premises for acupuncture, tattooing, ear-piercing and electrolysis	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Sections 13 – 17
Licensing market and street trading	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, Part III of, and Schedule 4
Duty to keep a list of persons entitled to sell non-medicinal poisons	Poisons Act 1972 (c.66), Sections 3(1)(b)(ii), 5, 6 and 11 as amended by Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, Schedule 6 Para 13(1)
Licensing dealers in game and the killing and selling of game	Game Act 1831 (c.32), Sections 5-6, 17-18, 21-23 and Game Licensing Act 1860 (c.90), Sections 2-16; and Customs and Inland Revenue Act 1883 (c.10), Section 4; Sections 12(3) and 27 Local Government Act 1874 (c.73); Section 213 Local Government Act 1972 (c.70)
Registering and licensing premises for the preparation of food	Section 19 Food Safety Act 1990 (c.16)

2.5.5.4 Safety functions (sports grounds and Health and Safety at Work)

Issuing, amending or replacing safety certificates (general or special) for sports grounds	The Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (c.52), as amended by Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c.27), Part II and Schedule 2
Issuing, cancelling, amending or replacing safety certificates for regulated stands at sports grounds	Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987 (c.27), Part III
Sanctioning use of parts of buildings for storage of celluloid	Celluloid and Cinematographic Film Act 1922 (c.1935), Section 1 – 4
Health and Safety at Work Act functions under any of the “relevant statutory provisions” within the meaning of Part I (health, safety and welfare in connection with work, and control of dangerous substances) of the 1974 Act [not including the authority’s discharge of these functions in relation to its own employees, which is an executive responsibility]	Health and Safety at Work, etc Act 1974 (c.37), Part I [For “relevant statutory provisions” see the various definitions in Sections 53(1) and 15(1) of the Act, the latter section having been substituted by Employment Protection Act 1975 (c.71), Schedule 15 Para 5 ]

2.5.5.5 Licensing associated with live animals

Licensing premises for the breeding of dogs	Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities) (England) 2008
Licensing pet shops and other establishments where animals are bred or kept for the purposes of carrying on a business	Pet Animals Act 1951 (c.35), Section 1 as amended by Local Government Act 1974 Schedules 6 and 8 Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 (c.43), Section 1 as amended by Local Government Act 1974, Schedule 6 Para 17 and Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1988 (c.29) Sections 3(2) and (3) and Schedule Riding Establishments Act 1964 (c.70) and 1970 (c.70) as amended by Local Government Act 1974, Section 35(1) and (2) and Schedule 6 Para 18 and Schedule Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1988, Sections 3(2) and (3) Breeding of Dogs Act 1973 (c.60), Section 1 as amended by Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980, Section 1(6), Schedule 6, Schedule 34 Para 15 and Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 1988 Sections 3(2) and (3) and Schedule and Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999, Sections 1 and 8 Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities) (England) 2008

Registering animal training and exhibitors	Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925 (c.38), Section 1 as amended by Local Government Act 1974, Sections 35(1) and (2), Schedule 6 Para 2(1) and Schedule 8
Licensing zoos	Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (c.37), Section 1 as amended by Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002, No. 3080), Regulations 3 and 4 and Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, s.66(6) and (8) and Schedule 16, and Schedule 18, paragraph 62(2)
Licensing dangerous wild animals	Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 (c.38), Section 1
Enforcing provisions for Record Keeping, Identification Marking and Movement relating to pigs	The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2003 (SI 2003, No. 2632), Section 27.
Enforcing provisions for Record Keeping, Identification and Movement of Cattle	The Cattle Identification Regulations 2007 (SI 2007, No.: 529) as amended by The Cattle Identification (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI2007, No. 1046)
Enforcing provisions for Record Keeping, Identification and Movement of Sheep and Goats	The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) Order 2005 (SI 2005 No.: 3100) and The Sheep and Goats (Records, Identification and Movement) (England) (Amendment) Order 2006 (SI 2006, No.: 2987)

2.5.5.6 Approval and Enforcement of duties relating to premises associated with dead animals and food production

Licensing knackers' yards	Section 4 Slaughterhouses Act 1974 (and see also Animal By-Products Order 1999, SI 1999/646)
Enforcing requirements in relation to any food business premises as to e.g. hygiene, HACPP principles and registration as well as approving the food business premises.	Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006, No 14) as amended by the Food Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007, No. 56) both to be read in conjunction with 2004/852/EC

Enforcing requirements in relation to any relevant food business operators (dealing with e.g. meat, minced meat, eggs, dairy and fish products) as to e.g. hygiene, HACCP principles, identification marking, slaughtering and preparation, transport and storage etc as well as approving the premises.	Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006, No.14) as amended by the Food Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007, No. 56) both to be read in conjunctions with 2004/852/EC and 2004/853/EC
Duty to keep a register of food premises	Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006, No. 14) and Food Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007, No.: 56)
Registering food business premises	Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006, No. 14) and Food Hygiene (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007, No.: 56)

2.5.5.7 Employment related licensing functions

Licensing the employment of children	Part II Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (c.33); Byelaws made under that Part; Part II Children and Young Persons Act 1963 (c.37)
Licensing agencies to supply nurses	Section 2 Nurses Agencies Act 1957 (c.16)

2.5.5.8 Licences for Alcohol and Entertainment etc

Issuing cinema and cinema club licences	Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), s.200 and Schedule 8, Part 1(h) <i>(as to transitional provisions from old Licence granted under s.1 of the Cinema Act 1985 to a Premise Licence under the Licensing Act 2003)</i> Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), Part 3 (Premise Licence) and 4 (Club License – if applicable) <i>(as to the grant, variation, transfer and review of Premise Licences under the Licensing Act 2003)</i> N.B.: Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), Section 20 <i>(as to mandatory conditions to be attached to Premise Licence for the Exhibition of Films)</i>
Issuing theatre licences	Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), s.200 and Schedule 8, Part 1(e) <i>(as to transitional provisions from old Licence granted under the Theatres Act 1968 to a Premise Licence under the Licensing Act 2003)</i> Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), Part 3 <i>(as to grant, variation, transfer and review of Premise Licences under the Licensing Act 2003)</i>
Issuing and Enforcing Licenses for Alcohol and Entertainment etc	Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), as amended by the Business and Planning Act 2020, Part 3 (Premise Licence), Part 4 (Club Licence), Part 5 (Permitted Temporary Activities) and Part 6 (Personal Licences)

	N.B. Mandatory and prohibitory conditions to be applied to any Licence granted under Parts 3, 4 and 6.
Approving premises for the solemnisation of marriage and civil partnerships	Marriage Act 1949 (c.76) s46A (as inserted by Marriage Act 1994 (c.34), Section 1); and The Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005, No.: 3168)
Issuing and Enforcing Licences for sex shops, sex cinemas and sexual entertainment venues	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (c.30), Section 2 and Schedule 3 (as amended by Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), Schedule 6, paragraph 85 and by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 (c.26).

#### 2.5.5.9 Licensing of Food Premises

Licensing night cafes and take-away food shops	Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), s.200 and Schedule 8, Part 1(e) <i>(as to transitional provisions from old Licence granted under s.1 of the Cinema Act 1985 to a Premise License under the Licensing Act 2003)</i> Licensing Act 2003 (c.17), Part 3 (Premise Licence) <i>(as to the grant, variation, transfer and review of Premise Licenses under the Licensing Act 2003)</i>
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#### 2.5.5.10 Gambling

Issuing, registering and enforcing Premise Licenses	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 8 and Part 18, Section 346
Acknowledging or determining, registering and enforcing Temporary Use Notices	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 9 and Part 18, Section 346
Issuing and enforcing Family Entertainment Centre Gaming Machine Permits	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 10, Section 247, Part 18, Section 346 and Schedule 10
Issuing and cancelling/forfeiting Club Machine Permits and Club Gaming Permits	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 12, Sections 271 – 274 and Schedule 12
Issuing and cancelling/forfeiting Licensed Premises Gaming Machine Permits	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 18, Section 346 and Schedule 13
Issuing, enforcing and registering Prize Gaming Permits	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 13, Part 18, Section 346 and Schedule 14
Registration revocation and enforcement of Small Society Lotteries	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 11, Part 18, Section 346 and Schedule 11, Part 5
Assessment of Compliance through inspection and enforcement of breaches	Gambling Act 2005 (c.19), Part 15 and Part 18, Section 346

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Power to designate officer of a licensing authority as an authorised person for a purpose relating to premises	Section 304 of the Gambling Act 2005
Power to institute criminal proceedings for offences under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005	Section 346 of the Gambling Act 2005
Power to exchange information	Section 350 of the Gambling Act 2005
Functions relating to the determination of fees for premises licences.	The Gambling (Premises Licence Fees) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/479)."

**2.5.5.11 Scrap Metal Dealers**

Licensing of Scrap Metal Dealers	Section 2 and Section 4 and Section 9 of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (c10)
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## 2.6 Planning and Environmental Protection Committee

2.6.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training within the past year in order to hold a seat on this committee.

### 2.6.2 Terms of reference

2.6.2.1 To exercise the functions of the Council as listed in Schedule 2.6.7, where these are not delegated to officers as listed at section 2.6.6.

2.6.2.2 In respect of functions listed in Schedule 2.6.7, to determine an application, or to decide upon or vary appropriate conditions, limitations, terms or other restrictions upon any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration granted, or discontinuance or revocation order in cases where:

- (a) the officer with delegated authority to deal with the matter refers it to the Committee for determination;
  - (b) an application has been referred to the Committee by a Member or a Parish Council from the weekly press list on proper planning grounds, or by a consultee on the delegation confirmation list and the referrers views are contradictory to the officer recommendation (this does not apply to any prior notification type application). All referrals by a Member or a Parish Council must also provide a reason for the referral based on relevant material planning grounds. Referrals made without an accompanying reason will not be valid. Members who have made a referral to the Committee are expected to attend the Committee meeting at which the matter is discussed, where possible, or submit a written supporting statement.”
  - (c) the officer’s proposed course of action falls outside the Council’s agreed policies and criteria;
  - (d) any planning application recommended for approval does not accord in a material way with the Development Plan;
  - (e) a planning application relates to an exceptionally large scale development, or a major development which does not accord with the Development Plan;
  - (f) a proposed Tree Preservation Order has unresolved objections to it.
- None of (a) – (f) above shall prevent an officer determining one of these matters in cases of urgency, provided that the action taken is reported to the next Committee meeting.

2.6.2.3 In respect of issues governed by the list of functions at Schedule 2.6.6, to determine whether, and in what manner, to enforce any failure to comply with an approval, consent, licence, permission or registration granted by the Council in cases where:

- (a) the officer with delegated authority to deal with the matter refers it to the Committee for determination;
  - (b) a member refers it to the Committee on proper planning grounds;
  - (c) the issue falls outside the Council’s agreed policies and criteria;
- None of (a) – (c) above shall prevent an officer taking enforcement action in cases of urgency which warrant the service of a Stop Notice and/or injunction, subject to the consent of the Director of Governance provided that the action taken is reported to the next Committee meeting.



- 2.6.2.4 To receive regular progress reports on all current planning enforcement matters, and lists of planning decisions taken by officers under delegated powers.
- 2.6.2.5 To be consulted by, and comment on, the Executive's draft proposals for Development Plan Documents (DPDs), Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), and the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) at each formal stage in preparation.
- 2.6.2.6 To assess and review the performance of the services which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee.
- 2.6.2.7 To transfer enforcement functions to another enforcement authority under Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006.

### **2.6.3 Call in of Decisions Made by the Committee**

- 2.6.3.1 Applications determined by the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee can be called in to the Appeals and Planning Review Committee (*see Appeals and Planning Review Committee Terms of Reference for procedure para. 2.1*).

### **2.6.4 Planning Call-In Procedure**

- 2.6.4.1 This paragraph only applies to a determination of planning application decisions made by the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee.
- 2.6.4.2 If the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee makes a determination as set out in paragraph 2.6.3.1 above, 30% of the Members present at the meeting where the resolution was passed can ask the Chief Executive that it be reported to a special meeting of the Appeals and Planning Review Committee.
- 2.6.4.3 The right under the paragraph above must be carried out within two working days of the end of the meeting by the submission of a planning call-in notice.
- 2.6.4.4 Signatories of a planning call-in notice or their group representatives can withdraw a planning call-in notice by notifying the Chief Executive in writing. If the planning call-in notice has been withdrawn, the original Committee decision takes effect.
- 2.6.4.5 The request to call-in a decision must be made in writing or electronically, using the agreed form. The form must:
  - (a) set out the planning application decision that the Members wish to call in;
  - (b) give the reasons why the Appeals and Planning Review Committee reconsider the decision. These must include either the incorrect application of procedure during the application process, or the relevant material planning considerations not being taken into account;
  - (c) be signed and dated by 30% of the Members present at the meeting where the resolution was passed.

2.6.4.6 Determination of whether a request to call-in a decision is valid or not, in accordance with the above criteria, will be determined by the Executive Director Place and Economy, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer.

2.6.4.7 The procedure of an Appeals and Planning Review Committee will follow the same format as a Planning and Environmental Protection Committee, including the Speaking Scheme. An application that is called-in will be reconsidered by the Appeals and Planning Review Committee in its entirety.

## **2.6.5 Planning Speaking Scheme as Agreed by the Committee**

2.6.5.1 Members of the public can speak at meetings of the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee which is considering any planning application (including those referred to the Appeals and Planning Review Committee).

- (a) Any Ward Councillor, Parish Council (or other groups defined in local planning policy as operating in a manner similar to a Parish Council) representative or member of the public who wish to address the Committee on any planning application or any consultation item referred from another local authority, must register with the Chief Executive by 12 noon Friday before the meeting.
- (b) The following procedure will apply for each item.

- (i) Officers will introduce the item;
- (ii) Representations by Ward Councillors and the Parish Council representative;
- (iii) Members questions to the Ward Councillors and Parish Council representative;
- (iv) Objectors' representations;
- (v) Members' questions to objectors;
- (vi) Representations by the applicant, agent and any supporters;
- (vii) Members' questions to the applicant, agent and any supporters;
- (viii) Officers' comments;
- (ix) Members will debate the application and get advice from officers where appropriate;
- (x) Members will reach a decision.

2.6.5.2 The total time allowed for speeches from each of the following groups of speakers will not be more than five minutes unless the Committee decide on the day of the meeting to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances:-

- (a) Objectors;
- (b) Applicant or agent and their supporters.

2.6.5.3 If more than one objector or supporter wants to speak, the Chairman may ask the supporters and objectors to appoint a spokesperson to represent their views.

The total time allowed for speeches from Ward Councillors and Parish Council representatives will not be more than ten minutes in total unless the Committee decide on the day of the meeting to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances.

MPs will be permitted to address the Committee when they have been asked to represent their constituents. Proof of this fact should be submitted to the Committee. The total time allowed for speeches for MPs will not be more than five minutes unless the Committee decide on the day of the meeting to extend the time allowed due to unusual or exceptional circumstances.

2.6.5.4 The Chairman may:

- (a) Suspend the public's right to speak if he or she considers it necessary to maintain order at the meeting: or
- (b) Vary the order of representations if he or she feels that it is convenient and will assist the Committee in dealing with the matter provided it will not cause any prejudice to the parties concerned.

In lieu of speaking, Ward Councillors, Parish Council representatives and members of the public may submit representations in writing for consideration by the Committee. Written representations will be reported to the Committee in an update report and circulated on the day of the meeting.

If a Ward Councillor is unable to attend the Committee and submits representations in writing such representations may be read out at the Committee provided that the written representations are no more than 300 words and provided that there is sufficient time following speeches from Ward Councillors present at the Committee (i.e. within the 10 minute time allowed for speeches from Ward Councillors and Parish Council Representatives).

**2.6.6 Delegations to officers**

2.6.6.1 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to deal with the following matters after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and notification to (i) the Vice-Chairman, (ii) the representatives of the other political groups on the Committee of which the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are not members, (iii) relevant ward councillors, and no relevant planning objection being raised by them within 48 hours:

- (a) All planning applications not delegated to Officers and not reserved to the Committee;
- (b) the designation, revocation, variation and modification of a Tree Preservation Order which has been opposed;
- (c) Hazardous Substances Consents;
- (d) Applications made by the Council under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 in cases which the Executive Director Place and Economy –would be authorised to determine if they were private applications;
- (e) All enforcement matters, where a breach reported by a member of the public is recommended for “no further action” and where consideration is not referred to the Committee.

If an objection is received the application will be determined by the Committee.

2.6.6.2 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to determine all planning applications, applications to carry out work on Protected Trees,

and applications for advertisement consent, listed building consent and conservation area consent, except an application:

- (a) contrary to the provisions of an approved or draft Development Plan and which is recommended for approval;
- (b) contrary to approved Council policies, standards or guidance, and which is recommended for approval;
- (c) which raises an issue of significance which is not covered by specific Council policies, standards or guidance
- (d) which has been referred to the Committee by a Member or a Parish Council from the weekly press list within 28 days, or by a consultee on the delegation confirmation list and the referrers views are contradictory to the officer recommendation;
- (e) which, in the opinion of the Head of Planning, Transport and Engineering Services is potentially controversial, likely to be of significant public interest or would have a significant impact on the environment;
- (f) known to be submitted by or on behalf of a Councillor, Director or Head of Service of the authority (or their spouse/partner);
- (g) which the Executive Director Place and Economy considers should be presented to the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee for determination.

2.6.6.3 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to deal with the following matters subject to there being no prior referral by a Member or a Parish Council to the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee as set out in its terms of reference;

**Note:** From time to time the Executive Director Place and Economy may authorise in writing other competent officers of the authority to exercise specific delegated functions. The Executive Director Place and Economy may also refer any of the matters listed below to the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee for determination.

- (a) the details of all Planning Obligations,
- (b) all prior notification applications relating to agricultural, telecommunication, changes of use and householder extensions;
- (c) all planning and enforcement matters relating to Conservation (including emergency\* Article 4 Directions) Hedgerows and Tree Preservation Orders and proposed Emergency\* Tree Preservation Orders which includes designation, revocation, variation, modification, and confirmation, except;
  - (i) the designation or modification of a Conservation Area (Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development)
  - (ii) any which the Executive Director Place and Economy considers should be determined by the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee.

**NB** \*Emergency – when there is an immediate threat that a building or tree is going to be felled/demolished or pruned/modified in ways that would have a significant impact on the character or amenity of an area.

- (d) all enforcement matters including instructing the Director of Governance to consider the initiations of prosecutions in accordance with the Council's enforcement procedures except where;

- (i) a significant breach reported by a member of the public or where there is significant public interest in the matter, is recommended for no further action;
- (ii) the Executive Director Place and Economy considers a breach should be reported to the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee for decision;
- (e) Applications for the discharge or modification of covenants in agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;

**NB** The agreement of the Director of Governance shall be required to authorise the issue of an Enforcement Notice, Breach of Condition Notice, Section 215 Notice, Notices under Section 3 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Area) 1990. The Director of Governance shall be responsible for the initiation of any criminal or civil proceedings he considers necessary including the seeking of an injunction. He shall be responsible for arranging the discharge of all legal work and advice arising from all enforcement action including ensuring that the Council is properly represented in Court.

- (f) to respond to consultations from:
  - (i) government bodies, other authorities or from other agencies on planning, footpath or similar matters;
  - (ii) Area Traffic Commissioners with observations on applications for goods vehicle licences except where the Head of Development and Construction is of the opinion that the matter should be considered by the Committee.
- (g) matters relating to overhead power lines and applications under prior approval of telecommunications procedures;
- (h) Other powers:
  - (i) determination and issue of Certificates of Alternative Development;
  - (ii) determination and issue of certificates of Lawful Use or Development following consultation with the Director of Governance as to the adequacy of the evidence in all cases where the evidence is either doubtful or complex;
  - (iii) to exercise all the relevant functions listed in schedule 2.6.5 in respect of public unmetalled footpaths, bridleways and byways open to all traffic;
  - (iv) authority to proceed with the stopping up of a public right of way required in connection with development where planning permission has been granted and appropriate publicity has been undertaken including instructing the Director of Governance to make the appropriate Order under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
  - (v) authority to instruct the Director of Governance to make orders under Sections 257 or 258 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of the creation, diversion and/or extinguishment of public rights of way with any orders being confirmed where there are no unresolved objections;
  - (vi) to determine, subject to no outstanding objections, applications for Definitive Map Modification Orders under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. To publish Modification Orders to the Definitive Map and Statement, and to authorise the creation, extinguishment and diversion orders for public footpaths, bridleways and byways open to all traffic under the Highways

Act 1980 and Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to instruct the Director of Governance to make such Orders. (NB - the Executive Director Place and Economy is also authorised to modify rights of way, at paragraph 2.6.4.6 (f) below);

- (vii) the service of notices under Section 54 of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requiring urgent work to preserve unoccupied listed buildings;
- (viii) the giving of screening and scoping opinions under the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment)(England & Wales) Regulations 1999.
- (ix) the making of Listed Building and conservation grants within approved budget;
- (x) identifying applications representing departures from the Development Plan;
- (xi) to maintain Public Registers under the legislation for which s/he is responsible, including registers of rights of way;
- (xii) to act as Appointing Officer under Section 10(8) of the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.
- (xiii) the right to enter land under the legislation governing the functions for which s/he is responsible;
- (xiv) applications made under the Licensing Act 2003 and the making of any representations to the courts;
- (xv) the discharge of conditions imposed on planning and related permissions, where those conditions have been complied with;
- (xvi) to determine applications to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached;
- (xvii) to make determinations, give approvals and agree certain other matters relating to the exercise of permitted development rights;
- (xviii) to grant permission for provision, etc of services, amenities, recreation and refreshment facilities on highway, and related powers;
- (xix) to publish notice in respect of proposal to grant permission under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980;
- (xx) to authorise stopping up or diversion of highway;
- (xxi) relating to complaints about high hedges;
- (xxii) to enforce offences relating to the display of no-smoking signs;
- (xxiii) to enforce offences relating to smoking in smoke-free places;
- (xxiv) to enforce offence of failing to prevent smoking in smoke-free places.

**2.6.6.4 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to determine:**

- (a) applications under Prior Approval of Telecommunications Procedures; and
- (b) those under delegation 2.6.6.3 (b) and 2.6.6.3 (f);

in consultation with the Chairman or, if not available or inappropriate, the Vice Chairman of the Committee, where a Member or a Parish Council has exercised their power to refer an application to the Committee but there is no scheduled meeting of the Committee within the time period for response.

**2.6.6.5 Authorised Signatories**

- (a) Planning Decision or Building Control Notices determined by Committee - the Executive Director Place and Economy
- (b) Notices and directions following determination by Committee, under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 or any Order revoking or re-enacting that Order with or without modification - the Executive Director Place and Economy

**2.6.6.6 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised:**

- (a) to issue licences for hoardings and scaffolding within the highway;
- (b) to issue licences for the placing of skips within the highway;
- (c) to exercise the non-executive powers and duties of the Council, acting on its behalf as the local highway authority, traffic authority, transport authority, parking authority and technical approval authority, including the serving of Notices as contained in the Highways Act 1980
- (d) to create, extinguish and divert footpaths under the Highways Act 1980;
- (e) to enter land under the legislation governing the functions for which s/he is responsible;
- (f) to modify rights of way, in line with para 2.6.4.6 (d) above.

**2.6.6.7 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised:**

- (a) To undertake non-executive actions under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 in relation to pollution and statutory nuisance (these are set out in Schedule 2.6.6;
- (b) To take appropriate action and issue all notices (including notices of entry) under the following legislation: Control of Pollution Act 1974; Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993.

2.6.6.8 The **Executive Director Place and Economy** is authorised to serve notices requiring information in relation to ownership of land and property under Section 16 of the Local government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

2.6.6.9 The Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils is authorised to issue licences and ensure compliance with statutes relating to residential caravan sites, touring caravans and campsites, as listed in Schedule 2.6.5 (Section 3 Caravan Sites Control and Development Act 1960 and Section 269 Public Health Act 1936).

2.6.6.10 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to set up and establish any Joint Planning and Environmental Protection Committee and to negotiate and determine the Terms of Reference of such Joint Planning and Environmental Protection Committees with neighbouring councils and local planning authorities, following consultation with the Director of Governance and Chairman of the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee.

2.6.6.11 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to prepare and publish a Brownfield Land Register under The Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017, except in those instances where a newly published Register would add or delete land from Part 2 of that Register.

2.6.6.12 The Executive Director Place and Economy is authorised to undertake all matters relating to Neighbourhood Planning, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Neighbourhood Plans, except for the ‘making’ (adoption) of such Orders and Plans. This authorisation extends to, but is not necessary limited by, the following:

- (a) The designation of neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums
- (b) Providing comments on behalf of the Council to consultations on draft plans or orders
- (c) The appointment of an independent examiner for neighbourhood plans or orders
- (d) Making decisions on behalf of the Council on whether a plan meets the basic conditions and should proceed to referendum, following the receipt of a report from the independent examiner, and publishing this decision
- (e) Making decisions on the revocation, de-designation, or amendment to any neighbourhood area, forum, plan or order.

## 2.6.7 Schedule of relevant functions

### 2.6.7.1 Town and country planning and development control functions

Determination of applications for planning permission	Sections 70(1)(a) and (b) and 72 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c.8)
Granting planning permission for development already carried out	Section 73A Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Schedule 7 para 8 Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (c.34).
Power to determine applications to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached	Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Declining to determine applications for planning permission	Section 70A Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Section 17 Planning and Compensation Act 1991)
Duties associated with determining planning applications	Sections 69, 76 and 92 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Articles 8, 10 – 13, 15 – 22 and 25 – 26 Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (SI 1995/419) and directions made thereunder
Determination of applications for planning permission by the local authority or jointly with another person	Section 316 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Town and Country Planning General regulations 1992 (SI 1992/1492) (ref. Section 20 Planning and Compensation Act 1991 and SIs 1992/1982 and 1998/2800)
Entering into agreements regulating development or use of land	Section 106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Issuing certificates of existing or proposed lawful use or development	Sections 191(4) and 192(2) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Section 10 Planning and Compensation Act 1991)
Serving completion notices	Section 94(2) Town and Country Planning Act 1990



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Granting consent for the display of advertisements	Section 220 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Town and Country Planning (Control of Adverts) Regulations 1992 (SI 1992/666)
Authorising entry onto land	Section 196A Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Section 11 Planning and Compensation Act 1991, and Sections 196A to C Town and Country Planning Act 1990)
Requiring a use of land to discontinue	Section 102 Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Revocation/amendment of Planning Permission	Section 97 Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Power to make determinations, give approvals and agree certain other matters relating to the exercise of permitted development rights	Parts 6, 7, 11, 17, 19,20, 21 to 24, 26,30 and 31 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995
Power to issue a temporary stop notice	Section 171E of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Duties relating to applications for listed building consent and conservation area consent	Paragraph 2(6)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, Paragraph 9(6) of Schedule 13 to the Environment Act 1995 and paragraph 6(5) of Schedule 14 to that Act.
Serving planning contravention, breach of condition or stop notices	Sections 171C, 187A and 183(1) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Sections 1,2 and 9 Planning and Compensation Act 1991)
Issuing enforcement notices	Section 172 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Section 5 Planning and Compensation Act 1991)
Applying for injunctions restraining a breach of planning control	Section 187B Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (ref. Section 3 Planning and Compensation Act 1991)
Determining applications for hazardous substances consent, and related powers	Sections 9(1) and 10 Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (c.10)
Duty to determine conditions which may apply to old mining permissions, relevant planning permissions relating to dormant sites or active phase I or II sites, or mineral permissions relating to mining sites	Schedule 2 Para 2(6)(a) Planning and Compensation Act 1991, Schedule 13 Para 9(6) and Schedule 14 Para 6(5) Environment Act 1995 (c.25)

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Requiring proper maintenance of land	Section 215(1) Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Determining applications for listed building consent, and related powers	Sections 16(1) and (2), 17, 27(2) and 33(1) Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c.9)
Determining applications for conservation area consent	Sections 16(1) and 74(3) Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c.9) (ref. Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Regs 1990, SI 1990/1519)
Duties relating to applications for listed building and conservation area consent	Sections 13(1), 14(1) and 14(4) Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Regs 3 – 6 and 13 Town and Country Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990, Paras 8, 15 and 22 DoE Circular 14/97
Serving building preservation notices, and related powers	Sections 3(1) and 4(1) Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Issuing enforcement notices in relation to demolition of unlisted buildings in conservation areas	Section 38 Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Acquiring listed buildings in need of repair, and serving repairs notices	Sections 47 – 48 Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Applying for injunctions in relation to listed buildings	Section 44A Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (ref. Schedule 3 Para 7 Planning and Compensation Act 1991, c.34)
Executing urgent works	Section 54 Planning (Listed Buildings and Buildings in Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Determination of applications to designate a neighbourhood area (including whether the designated area should be a business area)	Sections 61G, 61H and 61I of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by section 116 and Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011)
Designation of an organisation or body as a neighbourhood forum and withdrawal of an organisation or body's designation as a neighbourhood forum	Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended by section 116 and Schedule 9 of the Localism Act 2011)
Duties associated with 'Registers of Land', including a Brownfield Land Register	Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (local development), section 14A ('Register of Land'), and associated The Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017.
Duties associated with Neighbourhood Planning, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Neighbourhood Plans, except for	The Town and Country Planning Act 1990; and the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

'making' (or adoption) of such Plans and Orders	
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2.6.7.2 Miscellaneous functions

Obtaining information as to interests in land	Section 330 Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (c.8)
Obtaining particulars of persons interested in land	Section 16 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c.57)

2.6.7.3 Tree and hedgerow related functions

Powers relating to the protection of important hedgerows	The Hedgerows Regulations 1997 (SI 1997/1160)
Powers relating to the preservation of trees	Sections 197 – 214D Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Trees Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/1892)
Powers relating to complaints about high hedges	Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003

2.6.7.4 Highway and rights of way related functions

Power to authorise stopping up or diversion of highway	Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Creating footpaths bridleways or restricted byways by agreement	Section 25 Highways Act 1980 (c.66)
Creating footpaths bridleways and restricted byways	Section 26 Highways Act 1980
Duty to keep a register of information with respect to maps, statements and declarations	Section 31A Highways Act 1980
Power to grant permission for provision, etc of services, amenities, recreation and refreshment facilities on highway, and related powers	Section 115E, 115F and 115K of the Highways Act 1980 and the Business and Planning Act 2020
Duty to publish notice in respect of proposal to grant permission under section 115E of the Highways Act 1980	Section 155G of the Highways Act 1980
Stopping up footpaths bridleways and restricted byways	Section 118 Highways Act 1980
Determining applications for public path extinguishments orders	Sections 118ZA and 118C(2) Highways Act 1980
Making rail crossing extinguishments orders	Section 118A Highways Act 1980
Making special extinguishments orders	Section 118B Highways Act 1980
Diverting footpaths bridleways and restricted byways	Section 119 Highways Act 1980
Making public path diversion orders	Sections 119ZA and 119C(4) Highways Act 1980
Making rail crossing diversion orders	Section 119A Highways Act 1980

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Making special diversion orders	Section 119B Highways Act 1980
Requiring applicants for an order to enter into and agreement	119C(3) Highways Act 1980
Making an SSSI diversion order	Section 119D Highways Act 1980
Duty to keep a register with respect to applications under sections 118ZA, 118C, 119ZA and 119C Highways Act 1990	Section 121B Highways Act 1980
Declining to determine certain applications	Section 121C Highways Act 1980
Duty to assert and protect the rights of the public to use and enjoyment of public highways	Section 130 Highways Act 1980
Duty to serve notice of proposed action in relation to obstruction	Section 130A Highways Act 1980
Applying for variation of order under section 130B Highways Act 1990	Section 130B(7) Highways Act 1980
Authorising temporary disturbance of the surface of a footpath bridleway or restricted byway	Section 135 Highways Act 1980
Temporarily diverting a footpath bridleway or restricted byway	Section 135A Highways Act 1980
Functions relating to the making good of damage and removal of obstructions	Section 135B Highways Act 1980
Removal of obstructions from the Highway	Section 143 Highways Act 1980
Powers related to the removal of things so deposited on the highway as to be a nuisance	Section 149 Highways Act 1980
Extinguishing certain rights of way	Section 32 Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c.67)
Duty to keep definitive map and statement under review	Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c.69)
Including modifications in other orders	Section 53A Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Duty to keep register of prescribed information with respect to applications under section 53(5) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981	Section 53B Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Preparing map and statement by way of consolidation of definitive map and statement	Section 57A Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
Designating a footpath as a cycle track	Section 3 Cycle Tracks Act 1984 (c.38)
Extinguishing a public right of way over land acquired for clearance	Section 294 Housing Act 1981 (c.68)
Authorising stopping-up or diversion of a footpath or bridleway	Section 257 Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Extinguishing public rights of way over land held for planning purposes	Section 258 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

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Entering into agreements with respect to means of access	Section 35 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c.37)
Providing access in the absence of agreement	Section 37 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
Allowing the deposit of a builder's skip on the highway	Section 139 Highways Act 1980 (c.66)
Licensing planting, retention and maintenance of trees, etc in part of the highway	Section 142 Highways Act 1980
Authorising erection of stiles etc on footpaths or bridleways	Section 147 Highways Act 1980
Licensing works in relation to buildings, etc which obstruct the highway	Section 169 Highways Act 1980
Consenting to temporary deposits or excavations in streets	Section 171 Highways Act 1980
Consenting to temporary deposits or excavations in streets	Section 171 Highways Act 1980
Dispensing with obligations to erect a hoarding or fence	Section 172 Highways Act 1980
Restricting the placing of rails, beams, etc over highways	Section 178 Highways Act 1980
Consenting to construction of cellars, etc under streets	Section 179 Highways Act 1980
Consenting to making of openings into cellars, etc under streets, and pavement lights and ventilators	Section 180 Highways Act 1980
Granting a street works license	Section 50 New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22)
Power to enforce offences and issue proceedings relating to unauthorised street works	Sections 54, 55, 57, 70, 74, 74A New Roads and Street Works Act 1991
Registering common land or town and village greens, except where this power is exercised solely to give effect to: - exchange of land effected by order under Section 19(3), or Para 6(4) Schedule 3, Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c.67), or - order under Section 147 Enclosure Act 1845 (c.8 & 9 Vict. c. 118)	Regulation 6 Commons Registration (New Land) Regulations 1969 (SI 1969/1843)
Registering variation in rights of common	Regulation 29 Commons Registration (General) Regulations 1966 (SI 1966/1471, amended by SI 1968/658)

2.6.7.5 Environmental protection and control functions

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Any functions relating to contaminated land	Part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c.43) and subordinate legislation under that Part
Service of an abatement notice in respect of statutory nuisance	Section 80(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990
Discharge of any function relating to the control of pollution or the management of air quality	Pollution Prevention & Control Act 1999 (c.24), Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 (c.25),
	Part I of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c.43), Clean Air Act 1993 (c.11)
The passing of a resolution that Schedule 2 to the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 should apply in the authority's area	Section 8 Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (c.40)
Inspection of the authority's area to detect any statutory nuisance	Section 79 Environmental Protection Act 1990
Investigation of any complaint as to the existence of a statutory nuisance	Section 79 Environmental Protection Act 1990
Consenting to the operation of a loudspeaker	Schedule 2 Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (c.40)
Issuing 'site licences' authorising the use of land as a caravan site	Section 3(3) Caravan Sites Control and Development Act 1960 (c.62)
Issuing licences for use of moveable dwellings as camping sites	Section 269(1) Public Health Act 1936 (c.49)
Making closing orders with respect to take-away food shops	Section 4 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 (c.30)
Any function regarding complaints of noise at night	Noise Act 1996

2.6.7.6 Health

Power to enforce offences relating to the display of no-smoking signs	Section 6(5) of the Health Act 2006
Power to enforce offences relating to smoking in smoke-free places	Section 7(4) of the Health Act 2006
Power to enforce offence of failing to prevent smoking in smoke-free places	Section 8(4) of the Health Act 2006
Power to transfer enforcement functions to another enforcement authority	Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006

## **2.7 Constitution and Ethics Committee**

2.7.1 It is advised that Members undertake relevant training in order to hold a seat on the Hearings Panel Sub-committee.

### **2.7.2 Terms of Reference**

2.7.2.1 Authority to oversee the operation of the Council's Constitution and authority to make recommendations to Full Council as to amendments and improvements to the Council's Constitution (including the codes and protocols) subject to the receipt and consideration of a report prepared by the Monitoring Officer, with the exception of those matters under the remit of the Executive.

2.7.2.2 Authority to oversee and approve the operation of the Council's functions relating to the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct amongst members and co-opted members of the Council including:

- Promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members and co-opted members;
- Assisting the Members and co-opted members to observe the Code of Conduct;
- Advising the Council on the adoption or revision of the Members Code of Conduct and Officer Code of Conduct;
- Monitoring the operation of the both Codes of Conduct;
- Advising, training or arranging to train Members and co-opted members on matters relating to the Code of Conduct.

2.7.2.3 Authority to approve the granting, to any Council employee, of a dispensation in relation to disqualification from political activities.

2.7.2.4 The Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Constitution and Ethics Committee and the Independent Person, may issue dispensations to any member in respect of statutory and non-statutory disclosable interests. The Constitution and Ethics Committee will receive a report on such cases at the next available meeting.

2.7.2.5 To make recommendations to Council on the appointment of the Council's Independent Person(s).

2.7.2.6 To have oversight of parish councils' codes of conduct and registers of interests, and authority to consider complaints regarding parish councillors.

### **2.7.3 Terms of Reference of the Hearing Panel (Sub-committee to the Constitution and Ethics Committee)**

2.7.3.1 The Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Constitution and Ethics Committee shall appoint, as and when necessary, Hearing Panel Sub-Committees to consider and determine complaints against Members alleging that they have breached the Members' Code of Conduct.

2.7.3.2 Hearing Panel Sub-Committees shall comprise three members of the Constitution and Ethics Committee, including either the Chair or Vice-Chair. The membership of the committee shall, as far as practicable, be politically proportionate. The Council's designated Independent Person shall sit alongside the Hearing Panel to offer advice in a non-voting capacity.

2.7.3.3 The Hearings Panel is a sub-committee of the Constitution and Ethics Committee. The Panel has the following functions:



- On matters being referred by the Monitoring Officer deciding whether complaints concerning members should be investigated;
- Hearing and determining complaints that have been referred to them by the Monitoring Officer pursuant to the Complaints procedure;
- Issuing sanctions where considered appropriate against a member found to be in breach of the Code of Conduct;
- The agreement of relevant procedures for the undertaking of its functions, when appropriate to be included within the Constitution.
- To remove a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel in accordance with the provisions set out in its Terms of Reference.

## **2.8 Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board**

### **Purpose and Terms of Reference**

#### **2.8.1. Background and context:**

The Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board has been established to provide a strategic leadership forum focussed on securing and improving the health and wellbeing of Peterborough residents.

#### **2.8.2. The aims are:**

2.8.2.1 To bring together the leaders of health and social care commissioners to develop common and shared approaches to improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

2.8.2.2 To actively promote partnership working across health and social care in order to further improve health and wellbeing of residents.

2.8.2.3 To influence commissioning strategies based on the evidence of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

#### **2.8.3. Its functions are:**

2.8.3.1 Authority to prepare the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the city based on the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and overseeing the implementation of the Strategy, which informs and influences the commissioning plans of partner agencies.

2.8.3.2 Authority to prepare the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): To develop a shared understanding of the needs of the community through developing and keeping under review the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and to use this intelligence to refresh the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

2.8.3.3 Authority to respond to consultations about commissioning plans issued by clinical commissioning groups in connection with Section 26 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

2.8.3.4 To keep under review the delivery of the designated public health functions and their contribution to improving health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities.

2.8.3.5 To consider the recommendations of the Director of Public Health in their Annual Public Health report.

2.8.3.6 Authority to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in the Council's area to work in an integrated manner.

2.8.3.7 Authority to provide any advice, assistance and support it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006.

2.8.3.8 To consider options and opportunities for the joint commissioning of health and social care services for children, families and adults in Peterborough to meet identified needs (based on the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) and to consider any relevant plans and strategies regarding joint commissioning of health and social care services for children and adults.

- 2.8.3.9 To identify areas where joined up or integrated commissioning, including the establishment of pooled budget arrangements would benefit improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.
- 2.8.3.10 By establishing sub groups as appropriate give consideration to areas of joint health and social care commissioning, including but not restricted to services for people with learning disabilities.
- 2.8.3.11 To oversee the development of Local HealthWatch for Peterborough and to ensure that they can operate effectively to support health and wellbeing on behalf of users of health and social care services.
- 2.8.3.12 To keep under consideration, the financial and organisational implications and impact on peoples' experience of joint and integrated working across health and social care services, and to make recommendations for ensuring that performance and quality standards for health and social care services to children, families and adults are met and represent value for money across the whole system.
- 2.8.3.13 Authority to prepare and provide Health and Wellbeing Board sign off for the Better Care Fund Plan.
- 2.8.3.14 To ensure effective working between the Board and the Greater Peterborough Partnership ensuring added value and an avoidance of duplication.
- 2.8.3.15 To establish a joint Cambridgeshire and Peterborough sub-committee in relation to issues that cross local authority boundaries.
- 2.8.3.16 Authority to discharge any other functions specifically reserved to be undertaken by the Health and Wellbeing Boards as set out in legislation, guidance, circulars and directives received from national government.

## **2.8.4 Membership**

- 2.8.4.1 Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be composed of the following:

### Peterborough City Council:

The Leader of the Council – Chairman of the Board  
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health  
Cabinet Member Communities  
An Opposition Councillor  
Executive Director People and Communities Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Councils  
Service Director Communities and Safety  
The Director of Public Health

### Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

Clinical Chair (GP) of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (Deputy Chair)  
1 further GP representative from the Peterborough area to cover when Clinical Chair is unavailable  
Nominated Director from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group

### Lincolnshire

1 GP representing South Lincolnshire CCG

### NHS England

1 representative from NHS England

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthwatch

1 member

The Board will also include as co-opted members the following:

Independent Chair of Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Children's and Adults Board

The Chair of the Safer Peterborough Partnership (Claire Higgins)

2.8.4.2 The membership will be kept under review periodically.

2.8.4.3 The Board shall co-opt other such representatives or persons in a non-voting capacity as it sees relevant in assisting it to undertake its functions effectively.

**2.8.5 Meetings**

2.8.5.1 The meetings of the Board and its decision-making will be subject to the provisions of the City Council's Constitution including the Council Procedure Rules and the Access to Information Rules, insofar as these are applicable to the Board in its shadow form.

2.8.5.2 The Board will meet in public.

2.8.5.3 The minimum quorum for the Board shall be 5 members which should include at least one elected member, one statutory director (DCS/DASS/DPH) and a CCG/LCG member.

2.8.5.4 The Board shall meet periodically and at least twice yearly. Additional meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Chairman where business needs require.

2.8.5.5 Administrative arrangements to support meetings of the Board shall be provided through the City Council's Governance team.

**2.8.6 Governance and Approach**

2.8.6.1 The Board will function at a strategic level, with priorities being delivered and key issues taken forward through the work of the partnership organisations.

2.8.6.2 Decisions taken and work progressed will be subject to scrutiny of the City Council's Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues.

**2.8.7 Wider Engagement**

2.8.7.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board will develop and implement a communications engagement strategy for the work of the Board, including how the work of the Board will be influenced by stakeholders and the public.

2.8.7.2 The Board will ensure that its decisions and the priorities it sets take account of the needs of all of Peterborough's communities and groups are communicated widely.

**2.8.8 Review**

2.8.8.1 These Terms of Reference will be reviewed periodically.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD WHOLE SYSTEM JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE): TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Membership

Membership will comprise the full membership of both the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Chairman/woman of the Sub-Committee shall alternate annually between the Chairman/woman of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Vice-Chairman/woman of the Sub-Committee shall be selected and appointed by the membership of the Sub-Committee.

**Aim: To drive forward wider system health and wellbeing priorities, which require involvement from a range of organisations.**

Delegated Authority	Delegated Condition
Authority to prepare the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough : To develop a shared understanding of the needs of the community through developing and keeping under review the JSNA and to use this intelligence to refresh the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.	Section 116, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 Section 196, Health and Social Care Act 2012
Authority to prepare the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough based on the need identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and overseeing the implementation of the Strategy, which informs and influences the commissioning plans of partner agencies.	Section 116A, Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Section 196, Health and Social Care Act 2012
Authority to approve non-statutory joint strategies on health and wellbeing issues (e.g. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough suicide prevention strategy), subject to agreement by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the two parent Health and Wellbeing Boards.	

## **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Whole System Joint Sub-Committee (Standing Orders)**

### **1. Notice of Meetings**

Meetings of the Whole System Sub-Committee will be convened by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council on an alternating basis. The convening Council will also arrange the clerking and recording of meetings (a member of the Councils' Democratic Services Teams will act as Clerk).

### **2. Chairmanship**

The Chairmanship will alternate annually between the Chair of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chair of the Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board (*except for the first appointment where the appointed Chair will chair until the end of the 2020/21 municipal year*). The Joint Sub-Committee will elect annually a Vice-Chairman/woman who will not represent either Council.

### **3. Quorum**

The quorum for all meetings of the Joint Sub-Committee will be four members including members from both Councils and the CCG.

### **4. Appointment of Substitute Members**

Nominating groups may appoint a substitute member for each position. These members will receive electronic versions of agendas and minutes for all meetings. Notification of a named substitute member must be made in writing or by email to the Clerk. Substitute members may attend meetings after notifying the Clerk of the intended substitution before the start of the meeting either verbally or in writing. Substitute members will have full voting rights when taking the place of the ordinary member for whom they are designated substitute.

### **5. Decision Making**

It is expected that decisions will be reached by consensus, however, if a vote is required it will be determined by a simple majority of those members present and voting. If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chairman/woman will have a second or casting vote. There will be no restriction on how the Chairman/woman chooses to exercise a casting vote.

### **6. Meeting Frequency**

The Sub-Committee will meet at least twice a year. In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time as and when appropriate. A Board meeting may be called by the Chairman/woman, by any three members of the Board or by the Director of Public Health if he/she considers it necessary or appropriate.

### **7. Supply of information**

The Sub-Committee may, for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions, request any of the following persons to supply it with such information as may be specified in the request—

- (a) the local authority that established the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- (b) any person who is represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of section 194(2)(e) to (g) or (8) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”);

- (c) any person who is a member of a Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of section 194(2)(g) or (8) but is not acting as a representative.

A person who is requested to supply information under (a), (b) and (c) must comply with the request. Information supplied to a Health and Wellbeing Board or its Sub-Committees under this section may be used only for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions.

## **8. Status of Reports**

Meetings of the Whole System Joint Sub-Committee shall be open to the press and public and the agenda, reports and minutes will be available for inspection at both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council's offices and on the Council's websites at least five working days in advance of each meeting. [This excludes items of business containing confidential information or information that is exempt from publication in accordance with Part 5A and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.] Other participating organisations may make links from their website to the Sub-Committee's papers.

## **9. Press Strategy**

An electronic link to agendas for all meetings will be sent to the local media by the Councils' press offices. Press releases issued on behalf of the Board will be agreed with the Chairman/woman or Vice-Chairman/woman and circulated to all Board members.

## **10. Members' Conduct**

The codes of conduct and protocols of the relevant Council will apply to all elected and 'co-opted' members of the Board.

## **11. Governance and Accountability**

The Sub-Committee will be accountable for its actions to the Health and Wellbeing Boards and their individual member organisations. There will be sovereignty around decision making processes. Representatives will be accountable through their own organisations for the decisions they take. It is expected that Members of the Sub-Committee will have delegated authority from their organisations to take decisions within the terms of reference. Decisions within the terms of reference will be taken at meetings and will not normally be subject to ratification or a formal decision process by partner organisations. However, where decisions are not within the delegated authority of the Board members, these will be subject to ratification by constituent bodies. It is expected that decisions will be reached by consensus.

## 12.2 CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD CORE JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Membership

- Chairman/woman of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Four representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (nominated by the CCG Governing Body)
- One representative of the local HealthWatch
- Director of Public Health
- Executive Director: People and Communities

**Aim: To drive forward and oversee joint commissioning and integration of specific NHS / upper tier local authority services.**

### Delegated functions

Delegated authority	Delegated condition
Authority to respond to consultations about commissioning plans issued by clinical commissioning groups in connection with Section 26 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, where the response is for both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	Section 26, Health and Social Care Act 2012
Authority to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in the Council's area to work in an integrated manner, where this involves both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.	Section 195, Health and Social Care Act 2012
Authority to provide any advice, assistance and support it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006, where this involves both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough	Section 195, Health and Social Care Act 2012 Section 75, NHS Act 2006



<p>To consider options and opportunities for the joint commissioning of health and social care services for children, families and adults in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough to meet identified needs (based on the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) and to consider any relevant plans and strategies regarding joint commissioning of health and social care services for children and adults.</p>	
<p>To identify areas where joined up or integrated commissioning across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, including the establishment of pooled budget arrangements would benefit improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.</p>	
<p>By establishing sub groups as appropriate give consideration to areas of joint health and social care commissioning across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, including but not restricted to services for people with learning disabilities.</p>	
<p>To keep under consideration, the financial and organisational implications and impact on people’s experience of joint and integrated working across health and social care services, and to make recommendations for ensuring that performance and quality standards for health and social care services to children, families and adults are met and represent value for money across the whole system.</p>	
<p>Authority to prepare and provide Health and Wellbeing Board sign off for the Better Care Fund Plan.</p>	

<p>Authority to discharge any other relevant functions specifically reserved to be undertaken by the Health and Wellbeing Boards as set out in legislation, guidance, circulars and directives received from national government, subject to agreement by the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Parent Boards.</p>	
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## **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board Core Joint Sub-Committee (Standing Orders)**

### **1. Notice of Meetings**

Meetings of the Core System Sub-Committee will be convened by Cambridgeshire County Council. The convening Council will also arrange the clerking and recording of meetings (a member of the Council's Democratic Services Teams will act as Clerk).

### **2. Chairmanship**

The Chairmanship will alternate annually between the Chair of the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Chair of the Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board (*except for the first appointment where the appointed Chair will chair until the end of the 2020/21 municipal year*). The Joint Sub-Committee will elect annually a Vice-Chairman/woman who will not represent either Council.

### **3. Quorum**

The quorum for all meetings of the Joint Sub-Committee will be four members including members from both Councils, the CCG and HealthWatch.

### **4. Appointment of Substitute Members**

Nominating groups may appoint a substitute member for each position. These members will receive electronic versions of agendas and minutes for all meetings. Notification of a named substitute member must be made in writing or by email to the Clerk. Substitute members may attend meetings after notifying the Clerk of the intended substitution before the start of the meeting either verbally or in writing. Substitute members will have full voting rights when taking the place of the ordinary member for whom they are designated substitute.

### **5. Decision Making**

It is expected that decisions will be reached by consensus, however, if a vote is required it will be determined by a simple majority of those members present and voting.

### **6. Meeting Frequency**

The Sub-Committee will meet at least four times a year. In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time as and when appropriate. A Board meeting may be called by the Chairman/woman, by any three members of the Board or by the Director of Public Health if he/she considers it necessary or appropriate.

### **7. Supply of information**

The Sub-Committee may, for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions, request any of the following persons to supply it with such information as may be specified in the request—

- (a) the local authority that established the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- (b) any person who is represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of section 194(2)(e) to (g) or (8) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”);
- (c) any person who is a member of a Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of section 194(2)(g) or (8) but is not acting as a representative.

A person who is requested to supply information under (a), (b) and (c) must comply with the request. Information supplied to a Health and Wellbeing Board or its Sub-Committees under this section may be used only for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions.

## **8. Status of Reports**

Meetings of the Core System Joint Sub-Committee shall be open to the press and public and the agenda, reports and minutes will be available for inspection at both Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council’s offices and on the Council’s websites at least five working days in advance of each meeting. [This excludes items of business containing confidential information or information that is exempt from publication in accordance with Part 5A and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.] Other participating organisations may make links from their website to the Sub-Committee’s papers.

## **9. Press Strategy**

An electronic link to agendas for all meetings will be sent to the local media by both Council’s press offices. Press releases issued on behalf of the Board will be agreed with the Chairman/woman or Vice-Chairman/woman and circulated to all Board members.

## **10. Members’ Conduct**

The codes of conduct and protocols of the relevant Council will apply to all elected and ‘co-opted’ members of the Board.

## **11. Governance and Accountability**

The Sub-Committee will be accountable for its actions to the Health and Wellbeing Boards and their individual member organisations. There will be sovereignty around decision making processes. Representatives will be accountable through their own organisations for the decisions they take. It is expected that Members of the Sub-Committee will have delegated authority from their organisations to take decisions within the terms of reference. Decisions within the terms of reference will be taken at meetings and will not normally be subject to ratification or a formal decision process by partner organisations. However, where decisions are not within the delegated authority of the Board members, these will be subject to ratification by constituent bodies. It is expected that decisions will be reached by consensus.

## 2.9 Peterborough City Council Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel - Terms of Reference

Following the publication of two independent reports that make up the External Assurance Review of Peterborough City Council, the Minister of State for Equalities and Levelling Up Communities has requested the Council establish an Improvement and Assurance Panel of non-executive advisers, to remain in place for two years to advise on and provide a regular six-monthly commentary for the Council on the progress with its improvement plan.

### 2.9.1 Purpose

#### 2.9.1.1 The purpose of the Panel is:

- To provide external advice, challenge, and expertise to Peterborough City Council in driving forward the development and delivery of their improvement plan.
- To provide assurance to the Council and Secretary of State of the Council's progress on delivering their improvement plan.
- To provide six monthly reports to the Council on the progress of the delivery of the Improvement Plan.

#### 2.9.1.2 This will involve:

- Providing regular advice, challenge, and support to the Council on the full range of their improvement activities, and in particular on delivery of the recommendations in the CIPFA and Andrew Flockhart reports published on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 to ensure financial sustainability of the Council in two years (financial year 2023/24).
- Working together across specialisms and acknowledging as well as challenging key dependencies with collegiate approach to managing and resolving risk.
- Exploring key issues in detail through deep dives and specially commissioned pieces of work and through workshops.
- Ensuring key decisions are made cognisant of the financial implications and impact on in-year budgets and the long term MTFS.
- Providing written commentaries on the Council's progress to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on the Council's progress, including whether there needs to be any reconsideration of the locally led approach set out in the letter to the Leader of the Council from the Minister dated, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021.

2.9.1.3 The Panel will convene for the first time in December 2021 and is expected to conclude in December 2023. Panel meetings will be held in private, and any minutes produced will not be published. The Panel's first initial response to the Council's Improvement Plan work will be end of January 2022, and thereafter the six monthly reporting regime will commence as set out in paragraph 1 above.

2.9.1.4 The Panel will meet monthly in the first instance and will keep under review the frequency of these meetings.

### 2.9.2 The Improvement and Assurance Panel will comprise:

Independent Chair	Eleanor Kelly
Independent External Member (Finance)	Chris Buss
Independent External Member (Governance)	Andrew Flockhart
Independent External Member (Service)	Chris Naylor
Independent External Member (Assets, Contracts and Companies)	Clive Heaphy
Independent External Member (LGA)	Rachel Litherland

In attendance:  
Leader of the Council  
Chief Executive

Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald  
Gillian Beasley/Matt Gladstone

2.9.2.1 Additional independent external members may be appointed to the Panel in the future if required.

### 2.9.3 Wider Local and Political Engagement

2.9.3.1 The Improvement and Assurance Panel will work closely with the other improvement boards/support mechanisms across the Council.

### 2.9.3 Costs

2.9.3.1 Any costs associated with the Improvement and Assurance Panel will be met by Peterborough City Council.

2.9.3.2 Panel members will be paid a fee for their work. The fee will be paid on a personal basis.

2.9.3.3 Panel members will need to work flexibly as the demand of the role requires. However, Peterborough City Council may wish to agree in advance the number of days advice to be provided by each Panel member over each 12-month period.

2.9.3.4 The Panel will be supported by an effective programme office to ensure that the overall programme plan is proactively tracked, kept up to date and that issues and risks are managed on a day-to-day basis through officers.

2.9.4 Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel Report FlowchartFirst Report

<b>June 22 – Full Council to receive the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, providing commentary on progress.</b>
<b>July 22 – Cabinet to consider the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, to provide a response and write to the Secretary of State.</b>
<b>Sept 22 – Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to review the Cabinet response to the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.</b>
<b>Oct 22 – Full Council to receive the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee review of the Cabinet response to the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.</b>

Second Report

<b>Dec 22 – Full Council to receive the second report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, providing commentary on progress.</b>
<b>Jan 23 – Cabinet to consider the second report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, to provide a response and write to the Secretary of State.</b>
<b>Feb 23 – Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to review the Cabinet response to the second report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.</b>
<b>March 23 – Full Council to receive the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee review of the Cabinet response to the second report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.</b>

Third Report

<b>June 23 – Full Council to receive the third report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, providing commentary on progress.</b>
<b>July 23 – Cabinet to consider the third report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, to provide a response and write to the Secretary of State.</b>
<b>Sept 23 – Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to review the Cabinet response to the third report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.</b>
<b>Oct 23 – Full Council to receive the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee review of the Cabinet response to the third report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.</b>

Fourth Report

**Dec 23 – Full Council to receive the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, providing commentary on progress.**

**Jan 24 – Cabinet to consider the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel, to provide a response and write to the Secretary of State.**

**Feb 24 – Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to review the Cabinet response to the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.**

**March 24 – Full Council to receive the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee review of the Cabinet response to the first report from the Independent Improvement and Assurance Panel.**

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