

3.4 Planning Committee

3.4.1 Constitution

The Planning Committee will comprise 16 Members of Council appointed using the Quota of Greatest Remainder (QGR) as provisioned for within Sc. 2 of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.

3.4.2 Chair

The committee will have a Chair and Deputy Chair and be appointed by the Council at its Annual Meeting as positions of responsibility under Part 3 of the Local Government (NI) Act 2014.

3.4.3 Quorum

Business shall not be transacted unless at least one third of the whole number of the committee is present. Six members shall be present.

3.4.4 Functions Referred

The following functions are referred to the committee:

1. Consider planning applications made to the council and decide whether or not they should be approved in line with Scheme of Delegation for Planning Applications. Notwithstanding this, the following powers are delegated to the committee:
 - Applications which fall within the Major category of development
 - An application for planning permission where the application is made by the council or an elected member of the council
 - The application relates to land in which the council has an interest/estate
2. Participate in the preparation of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan
3. Approve the local development plan before it is passed by resolution of the council
4. Monitor Local Development Plan on an annual basis in terms of the availability of housing and economic development land, and that it is reviewed every five years, giving consideration to whether there is a need to change the plan strategy or the zonings, designations and policies as contained in the local policies plan
5. Consider and determine the serving of an Enforcement Notice, Stop Notice, and Listed Building Enforcement Notice.