



# **CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLACES**

Agreed By Council 16 May 2017

## **Membership**

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than five and no more than seven Members appointed by the Council. The Committee shall elect a Chairman and shall appoint one other of its members to substitute for the Chairman at a meeting of the Standing Committee on Policy should the Chairman be unable to attend that Standing Committee, and may elect a Vice-Chairman to deputise for the Chairman in other respects.

## **Broad areas of competence of the Committee**

Planning applications  
Enhancement of the environment  
Highways and public transport

## **Terms of reference of the Committee**

The Committee shall have delegated spending powers in line with the budget established at the Annual Budget meeting of the Council. On behalf of the Council, the committee shall have delegated powers and authority to:

### **A Planning**

- 1 consider and make representations with respect to
  - all the Local Planning Authority's consultations relating to Local Development plans;
  - applications made to the Local Planning Authority for development planning matters relating to land and property within the Neston Town Council area and other applications having an impact on the area or its inhabitants;
  - consultations or proposals by the Local Planning Authority relating to conservation;
  - the manner in which the condition of untied sites within the Council area is dealt with by the Local Planning Authority;
  - proposals by the Borough Council or Government Departments on public rights of way matters, and proposals by the Borough Council to make Orders for the modification of the statutory Public Rights of Way Definitive Map and Statement and to authorise the attendance of Members and/or Officers at inquiries or hearings into such matters, except that the engagement of professional representation shall be subject to the approval of full Council;
  - proposals by the Highway Authority with respect to highways, traffic regulation issues and orders, signage and streetscape and the authorisation of attendance at inquiries in connection with such matters;
- 2 consider and make representations to the Government's Planning Inspectorate or other appropriate bodies either in support of, or against, planning and enforcement appeals made by owners and developers of land and property and to authorise the attendance of Members and/or officers at local inquiries or hearings into such appeals, except that the engagement of professional representation shall be subject to the approval of full Council;

- 3 ensure that all Members of the Council have an opportunity to comment on planning applications and take these comments into account, including the option to refer controversial applications to full Council in routine or emergency session;
- 4 take the lead in all matters relating to a statutory Neighbourhood Plan;

## **B Environment**

- 1 recommend to the Council policies to protect, preserve and enhance the local environment and the amenities and interests of the community and to implement such policies that are agreed;
- 2 develop and secure the implementation of a cycling plan with provision of connected routes and appropriate publicity materials, and improvements in parks and gardens, within the council area;
- 3 develop and sustain the Council's policies in relation to the greening of the Council area;
- 4 develop partnerships and seek external funding to implement a programme designed to reduce the impact of mosquitoes in the area;
- 5 ensure that all the activities of the Council have regard to environmental considerations;
- 6 monitor the use and condition of public rights of way other than highways within the Council's area and make appropriate recommendations for improvements to appropriate bodies;
- 7 monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the Public Realm Design Guide for Neston Town Centre and make representations to external bodies in relation to the PRDG;
- 8 monitor the implementation of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan and promote its policies and aspirations;

## **C Transport**

- 1 consider support, including financial support, for community transport and car sharing schemes operating within, to and from the Council's area;
- 2 grant fare concessions for defined schemes of transport within, to and from the Council's area for its residents ;
- 3 consider the provision public passenger transport services in the Council's area and make recommendations to appropriate providers in relation to these;
- 4 consider and promote improvements in the management and control of vehicular traffic in the Council's area;
- 5 make recommendations to the Council in relation to any other local transport matters;
- 6 consider requests for changes in traffic management on roads within the Council's area and appropriate financial support for such requests, and submit supported requests to the Highways Authority.