

City Plans Panel

The City Plans Panel is authorised to discharge¹ the following functions²

1. all Council (non-executive)³ functions relating to:
 - (a) town and country planning and development management⁴ in respect of the following types of applications:
 - proposals within the City Centre⁵
 - proposals that (in the opinion of the Chief Planning Officer having consulted the appropriate Executive Member⁶ and Chair of the relevant Area Plans Panel⁷ and the Chair of the City Plans Panel) are of major strategic significance (either individually or cumulatively) in terms of one or more of the following; job growth or retention; investment value and regeneration
 - residential schemes involving 200 residential units or more or a site area of 4 hectares or more if the number of units is not known.
 - non residential schemes involving proposed floor space of 5,000 square metres (gross) or more, or a site area of 2 hectare or more if the floor space is not known.
 - proposals that (in the opinion of the Chief Planning Officer having consulted the appropriate Executive Member and Chair of the relevant Area Plans Panel and the Chair of the City Plans Panel) are eligible for significant , time limited public funds (including PFI schemes)
 - (b) within the City Centre⁸ :
 - safety certificates for sports grounds⁹;
 - common land or town and village greens¹⁰;
 - street works and highways¹¹;
 - public rights of way¹²;
 - the protection of hedgerows and the preservation of trees¹³; and
 - high hedges¹⁴

¹ With the exception of any licensing function under the Licensing Act 2003, the City Plans Panel and the Council may arrange for any of these functions to be discharged by an officer – the functions for the time being so delegated are detailed in Section 2 of Part 3 of this Constitution.

² “Functions” for these purposes shall be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion and shall include the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of the specified functions

³ Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England)Regulations 2000 as amended

⁴ Items 5-31, Para. A of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

⁵ The City Centre for these purposes is the area indicated on the plan attached

⁶ An “appropriate Executive Member” is the Leader or other appropriate portfolio-holding Member of the Executive Board.

⁷ “relevant Area Plans Panel” means the Plans Panel which covers the geographical area within which the application is submitted

⁸ See footnote 5 for definition of City Centre

⁹ Items 26 and 27 of Para B of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

¹⁰ Items 37, 38 and 72 of Para B and Items 51-53 of Para I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

¹¹ Items 41,46A to 55 of Para B of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

¹² Part I of Para I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

¹³ Items 46 and 47 of Para I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

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2. in respect of any approval, consent, licence, permission, or registration which they may grant:
 - (a) to impose conditions limitations or restrictions;
 - (b) to determine any terms;
 - (c) to determine whether and how to enforce any failure to comply;
 - (d) to amend, modify, vary or revoke; and/or
 - (e) to determine whether a charge should be made or the amount of such charge.

3. to discharge any licensing function¹⁵ where full Council has referred a matter to the City Plans Panel.

¹⁴ Item 47A of Para. I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

¹⁵ (section 7 (5) (a) of the Licensing Act 2003) The matter must relate to:

- a licensing function of the licensing authority and
- a function which is not a licensing function

Unless the matter is urgent, the City Plans Panel must consider a report of the Licensing Committee in respect of the matter before discharging the function concerned (Section 7 (6))