Area Plans Panels

The Area Plans Panels are authorised[1] to discharge[2] the following functions[3]

1. all Council (non-executive)[4] functions relating to:

    (a) town and country planning and development management[5] with the exception of functions which the City Plans Panel is authorised to discharge.
    (b) safety certificates for sports grounds [6];
    (c) common land or town and village greens[7];
    (d) street works and highways[8];
    (e) public rights of way[9]
    (f) the protection of hedgerows and the preservation of trees[10]; and
    (g) high hedges[11]

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 function[12], where full Council has referred a matter to the Area Plans Panel.

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[1] Each Plans Panel is authorised to discharge functions in respect of its own geographical area as indicated on the plan attached. (A larger scale more detailed copy of the plan is maintained by the Chief Planning Officer)

[2] With the exception of any licensing function under the Licensing Act 2003, the 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.

[3] "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

[4] Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England)Regulations 2000 as amended

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

[6] Items 26 and 27 of Para B of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

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

[8] Items 41,46A to 55 of Para B of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

[9] Part I of Para I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

[10] Items 46 and 47 of Para I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

[11] Item 47A of Para. I of Schedule 1 of the 2000 Regulations

[12] (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 Panel must consider a report of the Licensing Committee in respect of the matter before discharging the function concerned (Section 7 (6))