

**PLANNING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE - 2026**

**1. Constitution**

- Composed of Council-appointed members (including Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex officio).
- Aims for representation from all wards.
- Elects Chairperson and Vice Chairperson annually.

**2. Purpose**

- Acts as a statutory consultee on planning applications.
- Makes recommendations on:
  - Regional Planning Advice
  - County Structure Plan
  - District Local Plan
  - Newton Abbot Neighbourhood Development Plan
  - General planning policy for Newton Abbot parish

**3. Sub-Committees**

May form working groups to address specific planning matters.

**4. Delegated Powers**

Can make binding decisions on all planning matters when quorate.

**5. Membership**

Up to 16 Councillors, appointed annually.

**6. Quorum**

One-third of members, minimum of 3, required to proceed.

**7. Attendance**

All Councillors may attend and speak on ward matters, but only committee members may vote.

**8. Review**

Reviewed annually; at first Committee meeting of the Council Year.