

Role Profile for Planning Partnership Member

Members of the Cornwall Planning Partnership attend as individuals, and it is essential that they are able to remain independent of their own, nominating council. It is important that a Partnership member can remain objective to the purpose of the group and works constructively to support the planning system within Cornwall Council offering a forum for discussion and commentary as necessary. This role profile should be read in conjunction with the agreed Terms of Reference.

Role of the Planning Partnership

- To enhance partnership working and assist in service improvement including co-design and co-development of model policies and templates.
- To provide a forum for sharing best practice, expertise and information about projects and activities where this will be helpful in contributing to increased knowledge and awareness.
- Working with the Planning PAC to serve as forum to develop collective responses to cross-cutting government consultations and Parliamentary calls for evidence, etc.
- Outside of meetings, to provide a forum for sharing information and responding to ad-hoc issues via email.
- To develop systems for information sharing on planning issues to local councils to assist in planning knowledge and improvement.
- To have more involvement at a local level as early as possible in the planning process
- To form better relationships between Cornwall Council and local councils
- Monitoring the number of times planning decisions are made contrary to local council recommendation.

Role of members of the Planning Partnership

- Through effective dialogue and consultation to assist in identifying service improvement including co design of guidance, templates and policies for the benefit of local councils in the planning system.

- To develop constructive relationships with other members of the Planning Partnership including, the Portfolio Holder, Chairman, senior officers and partners to inform of the role of local councils in the planning system.
- To attend meetings of the Planning Partnership and other thematic workshops nominated by the Partnership as a representative of the local council sector.
- To ensure that the Planning Partnership responds constructively to the issues referred to it.
- To bring forward planning and development related issues for further consideration by the Planning Partnership
- To work with the Committees of the Planning Authority on behalf of local councils to raise awareness of planning matters from the local council perspective.
- To ensure that the work of the PRIB contributes to continuous improvement and the implementation of best practice.

Skills and Knowledge

- Good listening and questioning skills.
- Ability to build effective relationships.
- Good communication skills with officers, councillors and other Partnership members
- Ability to weigh up evidence and make suggestions based on that evidence,
- An understanding of the Council's planning decision making structures.
- Knowledge of the challenges facing planning decision making.
- An awareness of the strategic importance of planning functions to the Council.
- An awareness of major strategic planning applications.
- To participate objectively in discussion looking for opportunities to improve the planning service and remain non-parochial during discussion.

NOTE :

The Code of Conduct applies to all councillors serving on the Planning Partnership. As a respected forum for liaison with Cornwall Council, members

are expected to meet the standards in public life at all times. Failure to do so may lead to their membership being withdrawn.

Where a member has been found in breach of the code of conduct they may be asked to step down from membership of the partnership.