

Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board

Terms of Reference

The following shall comprise the areas of responsibility of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board:

A. Remit	Housing Civil Contingencies Community Learning & Development Community Justice Community Councils Consumer Protection Building Standards	Police Fire & Rescue Community Safety & Public Protection Strategic Development Plan Development Management Development Planning
-----------------	---	--

B. General Delegations in relation to matters relevant to this Board's remit:

1. To monitor the capital and revenue expenditure programmes and approve remedial action.
2. To determine property requirements.
3. To determine charges for services and, where appropriate, letting policies.
4. To determine requests for financial assistance.
5. To approve and oversee the annual service and/or business plan for the services whose functions are covered by the remit and delegations of the Board.
6. To oversee the organisation and management of the services whose functions are covered by the remit and delegations of the Board.
7. To grant authority to members to attend seminars, conferences and other visits.
8. To write off deficiencies or bring into charge surplus stocks and stores.
9. To approve where required the Council's response to consultation papers which are within the Board's terms of reference.
10. To monitor the performance expenditure reports and trading statements of the Building Services Trading Operation and to approve remedial action.

C. Specific Delegations

12. To develop, determine and monitor the Council's policies in relation to housing, and community safety.

Housing

13. To exercise the functions of the Council as Housing Authority.
14. To determine housing needs within the Council area.
15. To oversee the letting, maintenance, management and improvement of the Council's housing stock, including associated properties.
16. To approve new initiatives in housing tenure and investment.
17. To approve policies and procedures for the allocation of Council housing.
18. To oversee liaison with other agencies in relation to meeting the needs and priorities of the Council and the provision of resources for housing.
19. To determine the rent structure.
20. To approve the housing plan and annual policy statements.
21. To approve and oversee strategies for the management of and investment in the Council's housing stock.
22. To approve and oversee schemes of financial assistance, whether by way of grant or loan or otherwise to assist in the improvement of the quality of housing.
23. To approve and oversee policies in relation to participation by Council tenants in the activities of the Council as housing authority.
24. To approve and oversee policies, procedures and investment to meet special housing needs.
25. To approve and oversee policies and procedures in relation to housing conditions, substandard housing and houses in multiple occupation or other shared accommodation.
26. To oversee the sale or transfer of Council housing stock.
27. To oversee matters relating to social housing providers.

C Specific Delegations

Planning

28. To develop, determine and monitor the Council's policies in relation to planning and development.
29. To exercise the functions of the Council as Planning Authority.

30. To determine planning applications where the appointed officer has declined to exercise his delegated powers or where the Board decides itself to determine applications which would otherwise fall to be determined by a person appointed to do so under the scheme of delegated functions.
31. To determine applications for major developments as set out in Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning (Hierarchy of Developments) (Scotland) Regulations 2009.
32. To determine applications for listed building consent for demolition of listed buildings and conservation area consent for demolition of a building in a conservation area.
33. To determine applications involving residential development of 10 or more units on greenfield or undeveloped land; or on a site greater than 0.5 hectare which is greenfield or undeveloped land.
34. To determine applications involving residential development of five or more units on sites within the greenbelt; or on a site greater than 0.3 hectare which is within the greenbelt.
35. To determine applications which if approved are considered to be significantly contrary to the Local Development Plan and also those applications which, if approved, would be significantly contrary to the overall objectives, and would undermine the aims and strategic priorities, of the Local Development Plan.
36. To determine any application which the Convener, within 21 days of the application appearing on the weekly list, receives a letter signed by three members, setting out reasons why the matter should go before the Board, in consultation with the Head of Planning and Housing, has agreed should go before the Board.
37. To determine applications under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 made by the Planning Authority; where the application falls into the category of 'major development'.
38. To determine applications under the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 which relate to land in the ownership of the Planning Authority or to land in which the planning authority have a financial interest where the application falls into the category of 'major development'.
39. To exercise the functions of the Council as Building Control Authority.
40. To oversee the development and implementation of the Local Transport Strategy.
41. To oversee matters regarding strategic planning, including the operation of the Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee.

Emergency planning and Civil Contingencies

42. To exercise the functions of the Council in relation to planning for emergencies, including the preparation and review of the Council's emergency plan.
43. To oversee and monitor the Council's civil contingency arrangements.

Community Safety and Public Protection

44. To approve and oversee policy and procedures for consumer protection
45. To oversee the Council's policies and functions in relation to community safety.
46. To consider and oversee the Council's policies and functions in relation to CCTV.
47. Oversight and monitoring of the Council's Public Protection partnership working, including in relation to serious and organised crime and counter-terrorism.

Community Justice

48. To consider matters relating to Community Justice and to exercise the functions of the Council in relation to Criminal Justice social work services.

Community Learning & Development

49. To approve and oversee the provision of services in relation to community learning and development.
50. To develop and review the adoption of a community development approach to service delivery.

Community Councils

51. To approve and oversee arrangements for Community Councils.
52. To consider and where appropriate approve applications for funding from the Community Empowerment Fund.