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Legal and Civic Services Department  
Belfast City Council  
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10th February, 2020

## **MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

In addition to those matters previously notified to you, the following item(s) will also be considered at the meeting to be held at 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 11th February, 2020.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

### **AGENDA:**

- 6** (b) Updated Training Schedule for Planning Committee Workshops (Pages 1 - 4)

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<b>Subject:</b>	Planning Committee training workshops
<b>Date:</b>	11 February 2020
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Aidan Thatcher, Director of Planning & Building Control
<b>Contact Officer(s):</b>	Ed Baker, Planning Manager (Development Management) Keith Sutherland, Planning Manager (Plans & Policy)

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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report and Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an updated programme of Committee training workshops (see <b>Appendix 1</b> ). The Planning Committee is asked to agree the revised programme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Planning Committee is asked to agree the revised programme of Committee training workshops between March 2020 to May 2021 (see <b>Appendix 1</b> ).

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	In August 2019, the Planning Committee agreed a programme of Committee training workshops to support Members' continuous development. The programme has already deviated with additional workshops requested by the Planning Committee on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and with the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE). The programme therefore needs to be updated.

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>The programme also needs to accommodate Member sessions on the development of draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), as reported to the Planning Committee in January. The Council is developing a series of SPG to support the implementation of the operational policies in the draft Local Development Plan, Plan Strategy. These include:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="276 320 1469 533"> <tr> <td><b>Affordable housing</b></td> <td><b>Evening Economy</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Viability</b></td> <td><b>Sensitive Uses</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Householder (design guidance)</b></td> <td><b>Waste</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Residential Design</b></td> <td><b>Flooding</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Urban Design</b></td> <td><b>Sustainable Drainage Systems</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Employment Land Supply</b></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>At the January Planning Committee, Members requested that a workshop on transportation and parking issues is prioritised. This is provisionally scheduled for 16 March subject to the availability of DFI Roads.</p> <p>Members will note that the updated training programme now proposes that performance and improvement workshops are undertaken bi-annually rather than quarterly (with quarterly performance reports circulated by email). It is considered that this is more manageable and reflects the fact that focus on performance and improvement, whilst still ongoing, has stabilised.</p> <p>It is proposed that other non-Planning Committee Members will be invited to these sessions.</p> <p><b><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>The preparation of training workshops, including attendance, will have some impact on officer resources but is considered value for money. The Planning Service may choose to appoint outside professionals or agencies to lead or participate in the training, which may result in additional costs.</p> <p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.</p>	<b>Affordable housing</b>	<b>Evening Economy</b>	<b>Viability</b>	<b>Sensitive Uses</b>	<b>Householder (design guidance)</b>	<b>Waste</b>	<b>Residential Design</b>	<b>Flooding</b>	<b>Urban Design</b>	<b>Sustainable Drainage Systems</b>	<b>Employment Land Supply</b>	
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<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices</b></p>												
	<p>Appendix 1 – proposed updated Committee training programme</p>												

**Draft Continuous Development Training Programme for Planning Committee**

**March 2020 – May 2021**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Workshop Topics</b>
August 2019	<b>Local Development Plan</b> / Process / Examination / Policy Development / Future Status
September 2019	<b>Enforcement and Performance / Improvement</b>
October 2019	<b>Houses in Multiple Occupation</b> / Planning Applications / Evidence base / Enforcement / Future Policy and <b>Scheme of Delegation</b>
November 2019	<b>Northern Ireland Housing Executive</b>
January 2020	<b>Additional Meeting of Planning Committee for Applications</b>
February 2020	<b>No Workshop Meeting</b>
12 March 2020	<b>Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</b> / Priorities / Process within LDP / Policy Relationships / Future Status
16 March 2020	<b>Transportation Issues</b> / Highways / Access / Transport (subject to attendance by DFI Roads to be confirmed)
April 2020	<b>Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</b> / Detailed approach to guidance and Policy relationships
May 2020	<b>Performance (2019/2020 Year End) / Improvement</b>
June 2020	<b>Local Development Plan Examination Process</b>
July 2020	<b>No Workshop Meeting</b>
August 2020	<b>Reviewing the Planning Committee Protocol</b>
September 2020	<b>Urban Design and Conservation / SPG Review</b>
October 2020	<b>No Workshop Meeting</b>

November 2020	<b>Development Management / Process / Decision Making / Appeals / Performance (2020/2021 Q1 + Q2) / Improvement</b>
December 2020	<b>No Workshop Meeting</b>
January 2021	<b>No Workshop Meeting</b>
February 2021	<b>Developer Contributions</b>
March 2021	<b>No Workshop Meeting</b>
April 2021	<b>Planning Conditions and Legal Agreements</b>
May 2021	<b>Performance (2020/2021 Year End) / Improvement</b>

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