



Subject:	Updated Schedule of Planning Committee Workshops
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an updated Schedule of Planning Committee Workshops (see Appendix 1). The Planning Committee is asked to agree the updated programme.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	That the Planning Committee agrees the updated Schedule of Planning Committee Workshops at Appendix 1 for the period August 2022 to August 2023.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	In December 2020, the Planning Committee agreed an updated Schedule of Planning Committee Workshops to support Members' continuous development. Most of the sessions took place other than the workshops on Urban Design and Conservation (originally scheduled for August 2021); and Developer Contributions (September 2021). These were postponed due to the need to hold additional Planning Committee meetings to complete additional Committee Business.

3.2	A further Schedule of Planning Committee Workshops was agreed in September 2021. It was envisaged at the time of agreement that these workshops would be held in person. The continuing COVID restrictions meant that this wasn't possible and on a number of occasions the Committee agreed to delay the workshops until they could be held in person.
3.3	In anticipation of a return to in person meetings after the recess, a recommended updated schedule of workshops is provided at Appendix 1 . No workshop has been suggested in August 2022 as there may be significant business at the regular Planning Committee following the recess. It is proposed that the workshop in September will review the Planning Committee Operating Protocol. This review workshop was originally planned for October 2021 and will ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Committee going forward.
3.4	The workshops scheduled for 2022/23 will need to be fluid to allow for adaptation and additional sessions to be held on the adoption and implementation of the new Belfast LDP Plan Strategy, depending on the emerging timetable. Two workshops are provisionally identified for December 2022 and January 2023.
3.5	The Draft Schedule is indicative and includes two months (April and May 2023) where the subject of workshops is to be decided. This means that the Committee can suggest workshops going forward and these will be accommodated where possible.
4.0	Financial & Resource Implications
4.1	The preparation of the workshops, including attendance by officers, will have some impact on resources, but is considered value for money. Where appropriate, the Planning Service may choose to appoint outside professionals or agencies to lead or participate, which may result in additional costs.
5.0	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
5.1	There are no equality or good relations implications associated with this report.
6.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Proposed Schedule of Planning Committee Workshops.