

Members Planning Seminar - 12 June

Feedback

The Member delegates split into four groups to discuss the following topics:

- Call in – by ward member and one other unitary member, or ward member and Chair of Planning Committee?
- Involvement of members – all unitary members or a selected number for planning committees?
- Committee structure – how many committees per area office hub?

The feedback is outlined below.

Group 1

Call in – There was consensus that this should be by one unitary Member.

Involvement of Members – Members should be selected for each committee and that training should be provided for town and parish councillors.

Committee Structure – Agreed also that there should be one committee per area. The start time (day or evening) should be agreed by the committee.

Group 2

Call in – full agreement that the unitary ward Member should be able to call without a seconder and this should be done only on the grounds of planning related issues. A substitute should be available in their absence.

Involvement of Members – Thinking on this was split – 40% (all Salisbury Members) felt that all unitary Members should be included, whilst 60% felt it should only be selected Members. It was suggested that the system could be different for each area and that training should be provided for all Members.

Committee Structure – 60% of the group wanted one committee per area, whilst 40% felt there should be two.

Group 3

Call in – The majority of the group voted in favour one unitary ward Member. If unavailable or have an interest, a substitute should attend in their place. Grounds for call in should be allowed on issues other than just planning.

Involvement of Members – There was consensus that all Members should have the right to sit on committees, but it would depend on the size of each. It was suggested that there could be the obligation to rotate giving Members the chance to sit on 50% of committees.

Committee Structure – 70% were in favour of four committees (one per area), but there could be sub-committees/panels for different types of applications.

Group 4

Call in – Three people felt that one unitary Member should do this, whilst five wanted the towns and parish councils to be involved in call in.

Involvement of Members – The group was not in favour of selecting Members, as it was felt it was not in everyone's interest.

Committee Structure – The majority felt there should be one committee per area.

Overview

	Call in	Members	Committees
Group 1	One unitary Member	Selected Members	One per area
Group 2	One unitary Member	Selected Members (60/40)	One per area (60/40)
Group 3	One unitary Member	All Members – with rotation	One per area + sub committees (70/30)
Group 4	TC/PC Members to be involved (60/40)	All Members	One per area