

West Northamptonshire Programme Board Terms of Reference

Membership:

Director of Planning and Regeneration (Chair)	Northampton Borough Council
Head of Planning	Northampton Borough Council
Head of the JPU	West Northants Joint Planning Unit
Planning Policy and Conservation Manager	Northampton Borough Council
Managing Director	Daventry District Council
Chief Planning Officer	Northamptonshire County Council
Director of Policy	South Northants Council
Policy Manager	South Northants Council
GOEM	Government Office for East Midlands
WNDC (x2)	West Northamptonshire Development Corporation
Planning Policy & Housing Strategy Manager	Daventry District Council
Principal Planner	West Northants Joint Planning Unit

Purpose

1. To jointly direct the work in developing the preparation and agreement of Local Development Documents as set out in the West Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme.
2. To ensure general conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy for the East Midlands, compliance with legislation requirements and balancing the need to enable timely implementation of regeneration and infrastructure led growth across the affected area.
3. To advice on the development of the county-wide Minerals and Waste Development Framework, the Transport Strategy for Growth and the Local Transport Plan, co-ordination of sub-regional planning and infrastructure proposals and on cross boundary strategic planning and infrastructure issues.

Role

1. To provide co-ordinated and balanced advice to the Joint Planning Committee and the Business Support Group.
2. To engage key stakeholders in the process and elicit constructive challenge on an ongoing basis.
3. To resolve wherever possible conflict between the respective Councils and where not possible, provide balanced advice and options.
4. To ensure the dimensions of time, cost, quality and risk are properly managed with constructive, timely action initiated to correct divergence.
5. To assist the Head of the Joint Planning Unit in resolving escalated risks and issues.
6. To act wherever possible as a single voice to other agencies on key issues.

Scope

1. To deliver agreed joint local planning documents across the respective Councils.
2. To agree a common strategy, approach and resource plan.
3. To agree any variations to programme and resources.

