



# Planning Panel

1. The Planning Panel supports and advises staff on the development of Civic Voice's views on changes to planning policy and legislation.
2. The Planning Panel:
  - ▀ Provides a means for Civic Voice's views to be rooted in the practical experience and knowledge of civic societies and the wider civic movement
  - ▀ Adds value to the contributions made by all civic societies and civic volunteers to the work of Civic Voice
  - ▀ Is a means for identifying and debating potentially controversial issues where there may be divergent views.
3. The Planning Panel is intended to work with a minimum of bureaucracy.
4. A Panel Chair with relevant skills and experience is recruited openly and appointed by Civic Voice's Chair. The Panel Chair is invited to report annually to the Board. The Director will work closely with the Panel Chair.
5. Planning Panel members are invited on the basis of nominations received and include a mix of professional and community knowledge.
6. The Planning Panel and its membership is reviewed on an annual basis.

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