

Appendix B

8.8 Boston Town Area Committee (BTAC)

Terms of Reference

To exercise and perform the powers and duties of the Council in relation to the following functions in respect of the non-parished Boston Town area of the Borough:

- In accordance with any agreed arrangements, to comment on applications for planning permission, conservation area consent and advertisement consent and other related matters but maintaining at all times an objective that all planning applications remain able to be determined in full by the Planning Authority within the ODPM agreed target periods of 8 weeks or 13 weeks from the date of receipt.
- To provide and maintain urban open spaces, play areas, allotments and seats.
- To provide and maintain ~~other~~ facilities and services which are mainly intended for the use and benefit of residents for the non-parished Boston Town area.
- To monitor and review the performance of services under the purview of the Committee.
- To recommend a precept to cover items of expenditure incurred under the Special Area Expense Account.
- To act as a consultee on major initiatives, projects and developments affecting the town area.
- To make community development grants to town-based organisations ~~and~~ events.

BTAC may not make a decision that significantly affects a part of the Borough are in respect of which the Committee does not have functions or all of the Borough's area. Specifically, the Committee does not have delegated powers to take decisions on outsourcing of services. It must operate within the allocated budget for the town area (that is to say the Town Special Area Expense Account).

BTAC is authorised to appoint sub-committees or working groups, drawn from its own membership, to assist with any of its functions.

The Membership

The Committee comprises all elected Members representing the town wards of Boston.

NOTES:

By convention it is accepted that the Boston Town Area Committee operates as if it were a Parish with the power to set a precept and an understanding that, in practice, other committees cannot spend Boston Town Area resources or block expenditure approved by the Boston Town Area Committee.

A copy of the BTAC constitution is attached as an Appendix.