

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Development Control Committee**

The Development Control Committee is consulted on all planning applications in the parish. The committee listens to comments from residents before responding with comments to Sevenoaks District Council.

The Development Control Committee shall be as far as possible and practical have due regard to the political balance of the Council. For the year 2014/15 the Committee shall consist of seven councillors, this will be formed by four Conservative members and three Labour members. The Council may exercise discretion by allocating seats to an independent individual councillor not in a political group.

The Development Control Committee shall have the following powers:

- a) To consider and comment on planning applications notified to the Council under the Town and Country Planning Acts and to resolve its decisions thereon.
- b) If the meeting is inquorate urgent applications will be referred to Full Council should there not be another Committee meeting prior to the response deadline.
- c) To consider and monitor local development plans and strategic planning issues.