

Leadership Academy: Making decisions in line with policy

This is a one and a half day residential event focusing on making decisions in line with policy. It's all about making the right decisions on a planning application, and where necessary defending it on appeal. We will help you to understand robust decision making and to avoid making decisions which will be costly in time, resources and reputation.

The Leadership Academy is a place where local authority councillors can learn about the latest thinking in leadership and the challenges facing local government. Using practical exercises, presentations from experts in planning and providing an environment where attendees from across the political spectrum can meet and talk about issues that are common to them.

Available November 2013 & March 2014 FREE

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A Plan led system

- Policy context: National Planning Policy Framework, Local Plans, Neighbourhood plans
- Land supply
- Material considerations
- Viability

Leadership and scrutiny

- Poor performance
- Resources and costs
- Organisation of the committee

Positive Planning on applications

- Effective and transparent dealings with applicants
- Managing community expectations
- Use of conditions / S106

Robust refusals and defending appeals

- Reasons for refusal
- Preparing for an appeal
- Councillor involvement at appeal

Objectives

This programme will help delegates to:

- understand the changes to the context of local government planning and decision making
- minimise the causes of poor performance and reduce its impact on costs, reputations and relationships.
- understand the leadership skills required to lead an effective planning committee, to owning tough decisions and managing the localism agenda
- gain insight into using your knowledge to make good decisions.
- understand what approaches you and your committee need to make robust planning decisions that are clearly defined and defensible at appeal.

Audience

Planning Portfolio holders, Planning Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Dates and venues:

Programme 1: Thursday, 20 – Friday, 21 November 2011
Warwick Conference Centre, Coventry

Programme 2: Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd March 2014
Warwick Conference Centre, Coventry

Fee

The £500 cost is fully subsidised by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS). This covers accommodation, meals, course materials and tuition.

**To book your place early, please can you respond to
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