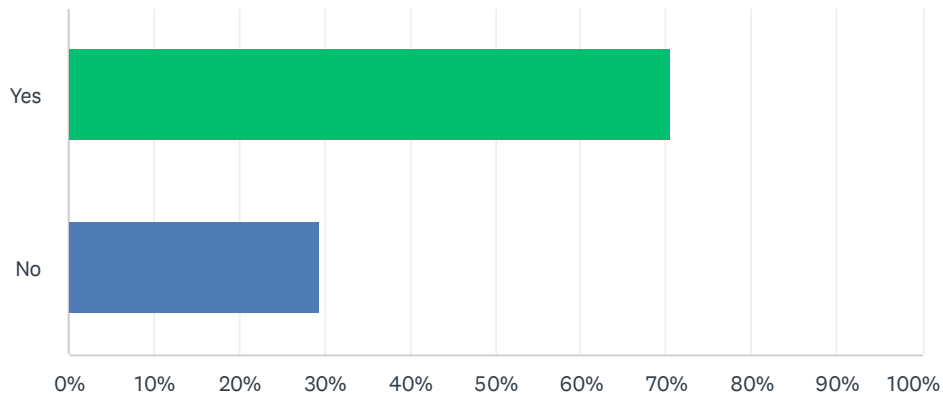


Q1 Do you think that the committee is working well?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.59%	12
No	29.41%	5
TOTAL		17

#	PLEASE GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR ANSWER	DATE
1	Too partisan. Too many opinionated influencers. I do not think all members understand their role.	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	One level of committee rather than two is more efficient.	6/16/2022 1:20 AM
3	Applications are being professionally assessed and good decisions made. It has to be realised that we are working well below capacity because of nitrogen issues, so the system has not been stress-tested.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
4	I was unable to answer this question yes or no, I believe that northern p/c have not received enough Planning applications compared to Southern members, which has had twice as many applications. Plus N/P had a number of P/A on M/Ts which does not present precise picture on how well the committee is working.	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
5	I think Ward bias in the discussions and decisions is having a greater effect	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
6	The meetings are run extremely well and with good insight from the committee members. I would also like to add that there is also good debate even when supporting the officers decisions.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
7	The Committee is well chaired and good decisions made.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
8	Good reports, well chaired , thorough debate, clarity sought through questions to officers/speakers, clear guidance given from officers to questions, planning guidance RLP/NPPF used to check and steer decisions	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
9	Too little experience and members ignoring Borough local plan and NPPF	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
10	Yes and no. It is good that Members do not act in a partisan manner although some tend to vote as per the Officer's recommendation and do not like to think beyond the report or challenge the report and its recommendations.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
11	There is a greater focus on making decisions that comply with planning law and guidance	5/28/2022 12:19 AM

given that there is not recourse to a Planning Control Committee.

12	More engaged members wishing to form part of this vital democratic function, as opposed to before being compelled to be part of a committee that you may have not had a full or even any real interest in. Other committees function with less members and many of those members on the committee express a wish to be on the committee.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
13	Poor standard of questions from some members and too much emotion from the newer members.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
14	Most members are better informed than before.	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
15	With fewer members on the committee there is an obvious lack of expertise, knowledge and ability. Several members who are not on this committee actually have these skills. A number of councillors, not on the area planning committee, actually in the past have shown to have the necessary skills and knowledge.	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

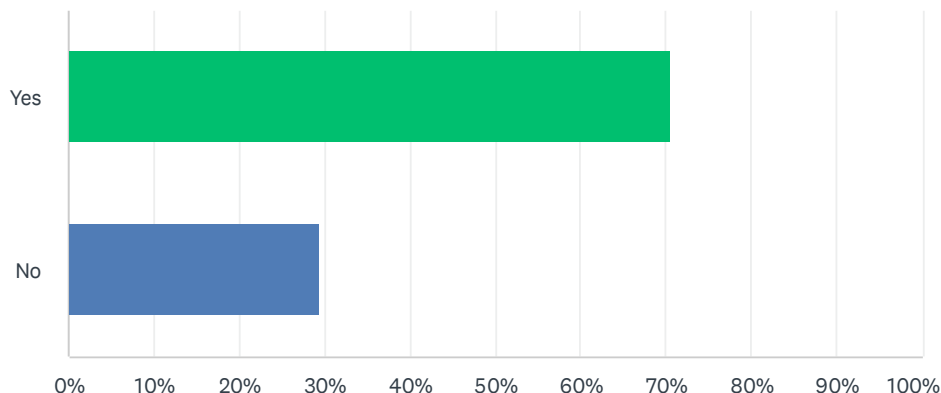
Q2 How do you think the committee could be improved?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Lots more training. More members.	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	Seeing more complex applications and particularly those relating to the town centres currently subject to master plans	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
3	Procedures work well. Occasional training on specialist matters, perhaps examining some case studies might be useful.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
4	Not substantially. The current format works	6/13/2022 6:14 PM
5	More training, 1, knowledge on planning policies, 2 understanding what is material consideration and non- material consideration. I.e how much will you company make on the extra housing.	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
6	Enough Members to have one representative from every Ward	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
7	I think this would be difficult as the meetings are currently run to a very high standard.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
8	All Councillors should make contact with officers before the committee in order to gain answers to questions they may have. Also when concerns are raised on Highways, Environmental or tree matters appropriate officers should be present at meetings to assist the committee.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
9	Better attendance at viewing panels- change timing ? Members share on line any questions asked to officers (if relevant) before the meeting	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
10	Back to the bigger committees excluding cabinet members. Reintroducing planning control as a check and balance avoiding appeals.	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
11	Better, compulsory and more detailed planning training for committee members. Time served on previous planning committees should not count as certain Members clearly lack knowledge despite being on previous committees. If Members have not attended planning training, they should not be allowed on the committee.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
12	I think it works well as it is.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
13	I think it is working perfectly well. Would be good if all members attended. More planning training would be useful, I found the in-house training appeared to give just enough to fulfill the function, having done licensing training, consideration to some third party training would be beneficial, would also be more impartial.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
14	Emphasise in training the quasi legal point of the committee and what happens when appeals are lost.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
15	Some members are still not giving notice of questions they would like answered in public. Officers would be able to give better answers if they knew what was coming at them. As a result most of my run through meetings are about predicting what members might ask.	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
16	Larger and include all members who want to be on it.	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

Q3 Following the restructure of the committees from 24 to 13 members, do you think the size of the committees work well?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.59%	12
No	29.41%	5
TOTAL		17

#	FURTHER COMMENTS (IF ANY)	DATE
1	Not much spare for sickness/holiday	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	Members, like me, who joined in 2019 never actually experienced the earlier system.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
3	Too big.	6/13/2022 6:14 PM
4	Please see Q1, and just to add, maybe consider another year before taking any recommendations to Full Council.	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
5	See above	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
6	I feel the balance is right as it gives all members a chance to open debate and there is little repetitiveness, which could well occur with additional members.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
7	It is important to have experienced councillors making planning decisions.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
8	More efficient, better input from members who have chosen to be a member. Members gaining knowledge from listening and taking part in good debate from experienced cllrs	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
9	The composition of the committee seems to allow members to vote against policy	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
10	Yes and no. Some Cllrs seem to be on the committee simply because they are allocated a seat and rarely attend.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
11	13 engaged members interested in the decision making process as opposed to 24 if they all attend making up the numbers and not engaged.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
12	I am happy with the size.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
13	However some members with an interest in planning would like to be on a planning committee but are currently excluded. Numbers could be set annually with the size parameters being between say 13 and 19..	5/26/2022 12:49 PM

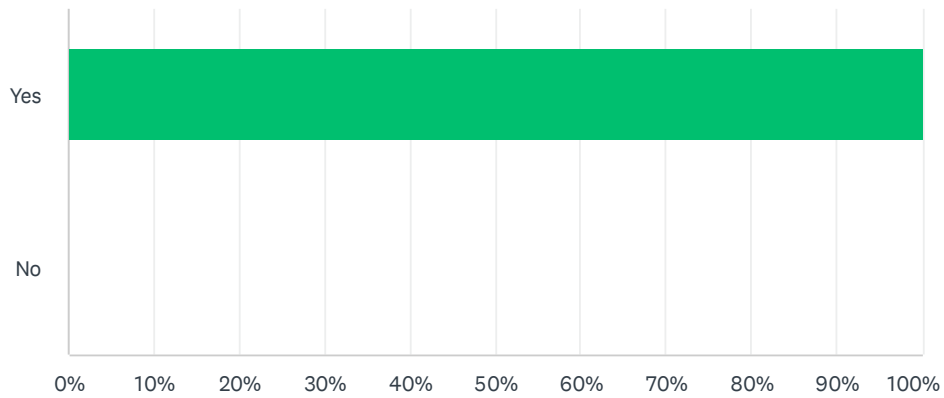
Q4 For those Members who were on an Area Committee prior to the last election, how do you think the committees are performing without the intervention of a Planning Control Committee?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	N/a	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
2	Better.	6/16/2022 1:20 AM
3	N/a	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
4	The members have not received many contentious P/A, it's hard to quantify whether the committee members would have recommended the P/A to planning control	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
5	Yes	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
6	NA	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
7	Much better	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
8	Better -more focussed to make the correct decision	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
9	They seem happy to support against policy despite there being no planning control which so often overturned the planning committee thus avoiding any costs at. Appeal	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
10	To date it has worked well.	5/31/2022 9:45 AM
11	I was not on the council at that time but, as a frequent attendee in my role as chairman of my parish council, I believe the committee is taking more mature decisions.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
12	I think they are working excellent. Planning control is an unnecessary tier, giving the planning department a further opportunity to overturn the Democratic decision of the planning committee and should not be reinstated. I do not know of another local authority that has such a committee. The only way I would support considering a return is if the committee had all members on it, not a select few.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
13	Some of the new members do not understand the purpose therefore their voting is suspect at times so there is an argument for Planning Control.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
14	Much more focused and less willing to reject the officer recommendation. Having a planning control safety net meant that members could better reflect their constituents opinions.	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
15	The common sense and professionalism of the planning Control Committee using valid planning reasons to reach a conclusion is often missed. Planning rules are often made on the hoof.	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

Q5 Do you think Viewing Panels are adding value to the process?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	18
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		18

Q6 When a Viewing Panel has been called, should they take place on the morning and immediately prior to the committee or as current arrangements?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	As current arrangements.	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	No.. that is too rigid	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
3	As currently.	6/16/2022 1:20 AM
4	Morning viewings work well for me. I am agnostic wrt to the particular day.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
5	As current arrangements	6/13/2022 6:14 PM
6	The NAPC now has about 8 members who work full/part time, so difficult for them to attend viewing panel. The arrangements at this moment in time works well. But need to consider the working members, maybe need support from the case officer to find a suitable time for the member to attend a viewing.	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
7	Current	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
8	As current arrangements	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
9	Current arrangements are fine for me .However councillors who are working will always have difficulties.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
10	Timing of the viewing panels prevents full attendance . None of the above will work well	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
11	Current arrangements	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
12	As per current arrangements	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
13	As current arrangement.	5/31/2022 9:45 AM
14	As per current arrangements. Friday afternoons are generally more suitable.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
15	Current arrangements work well.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
16	As close to the meeting as possible, so yes on the day.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
17	As currently	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
18	Current is best - it gives time for officers to prepare answers to questions raised.	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

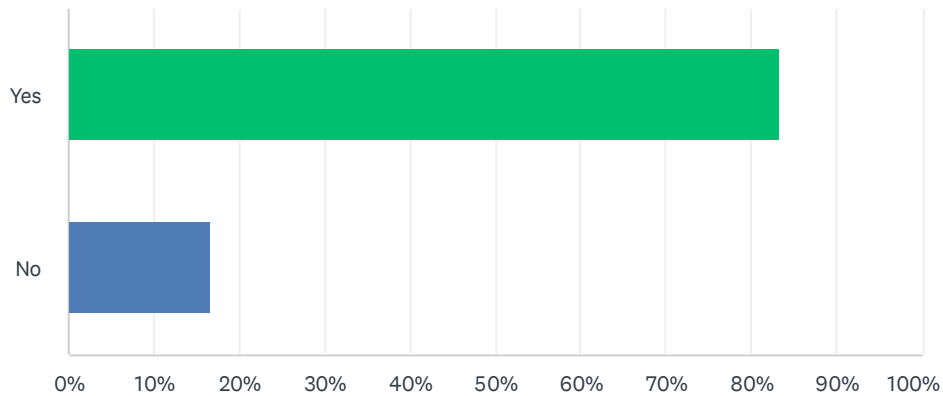
Q7 What are your views about the quality of debate and decision making at committee?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The only real debate comes from the members who have a ward interest in the application.	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	It has improved dramatically in 2022.. More critical contributions from members of the Tory grouping	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
3	Generally good.	6/16/2022 1:20 AM
4	Quality of debate and decision-making are high. The fact of the need for members in areas of high development to defend the interests of their residents, should be respected, however.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
5	It open and largely well balanced	6/13/2022 6:14 PM
6	Not good or bad as again we have not received any contentious P/A. The majority P/A present to the members were for members/officers interest few minor and a low number of major applications	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
7	Poor	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
8	The qualities of the debates are excellent with comments being made across the board from newer as well as seasoned members. I think the decision making is also very good and the outcomes are normally unanimous even when not supporting the officers recommendations.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
9	I think Southern Planning has improved.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
10	Good- thorough debate and decisions made on a balanced view along with reference to planning guidance	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
11	Some times too emotive and not enough adherence to policy.	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
12	i get the feeling that too many Members feel unable or are reluctant to challenge the Officers position and recommendations. Officers should stop pressuring Members to vote a certain way by saying the Council would likely lose on appeal, if they do. Members lack detailed knowledge of planning and struggle to articulate reasons for refusal/approval in planning terms.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
13	Overall very good.	5/31/2022 9:45 AM
14	More often than not the debates are good, although sometimes stray into matters that are not planning matters or are not strictly related to the application in hand. A little more training for and thought from some members would be in order.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
15	Excellent, vital part of the Democratic decision making process. Decisions might not always align with the officers recommendation but those they have not have been fully debated and I believe the correct decision has been made even if I voted the opposite to that. Always interesting to read appeal decisions, both for delegated and committee decisions. Would be interesting to see a table of appeal decisions to see the comparisons between delegated and committee.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
16	On balance sense prevails, however , there is a degree of playing to the audience by a minority.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
17	See above. One regret is that the ward members views are often not heard.	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
18	It is not so good as when the committee included all members.	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

Q8 Are the reports meeting members' needs?

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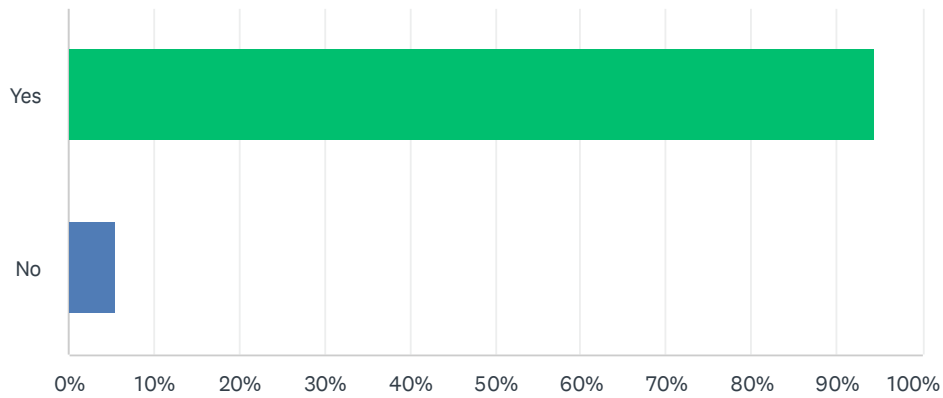


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.33%	15
No	16.67%	3
TOTAL		18

#	PLEASE INCLUDE ANY COMMENTS HERE	DATE
1	Too much filtering of consultation responses	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	Could have less formalities in first pages of text.. can they be "taken as granted"	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
3	Reports are very professional.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
4	The reports generally are excellent and the Officers should be commended.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
5	Some Planning officers produce better reports because of their experience	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
6	Too many reports lack supporting/factual/material evidence to back up the Officer's position.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
7	Often they are a bit wordy and could be made more concise.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
8	Could contain more details, but generally are sufficient, there is always the case file that should be explored , gives clarity to areas of the reports at times.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
9	Providing members read them.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
10	But members need to talk to officers before the meeting.	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
11	The addition of colour would sometimes help	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

Q9 Is the format of the report acceptable?

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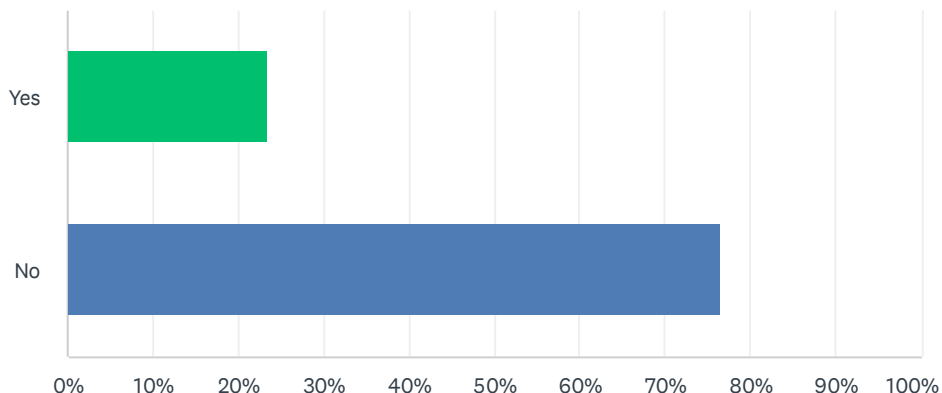


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.44%	17
No	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18

#	PLEASE INCLUDE ANY COMMENTS HERE	DATE
1	They are complex... but difficult to do much to reduce the overall format	6/13/2022 6:14 PM
2	Now that the plans and documents are more easily seen when sent online.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
3	However, a summary sheet of key matters and conclusions might be helpful.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
4	Sometimes appears to be loaded in favour of the officers recommendation, there appears no standard format, whilst I except all applications vary. Consideration should be given to looking at the format of the reports.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
5	Diagrams and plans can be poor quality.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM

Q10 Are there any additions to the report that would aid debate and decision making that is not already covered in the update paper?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.53%	4
No	76.47%	13
TOTAL		17

#	IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY ADDITIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE	DATE
1	More details required from Highways about their assessment and calculations	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	Better photographs from objectors homes in regards of the impact it would have on them	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
3	There is always something that could improve everything. I cannot identify anything presently !	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
4	More factual information.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
5	Not on topic but would be useful if the update paper was available to members earlier, at times we are not seeing it till late afternoon and does not always allow members to fully review the contents. Members are not waiting idly by for the update paper to be published, many have work and many other commitments.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
6	N A	5/26/2022 3:10 PM

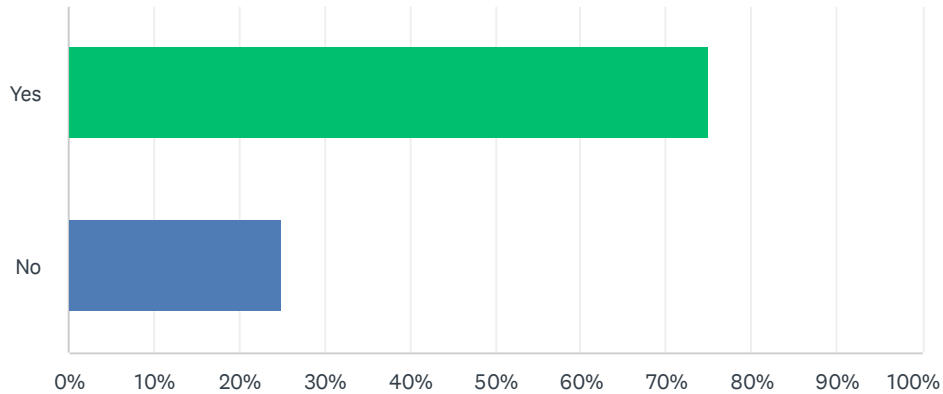
Q11 Following the introduction of the new committee structure, what is your understanding of the Ward Advocacy role?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have not heard of it.	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	Not sure what that is... its never been mentioned at any NAP I have attended	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
3	Adds an extra dimension to the decision-making process.	6/16/2022 1:20 AM
4	I am unclear why the ward advocacy role will have changed with the introduction of the new structure. It is obviously an advantage that members are making decisions on applications which are geographically close to their wards. Ward advocacy is the practice of members using their local knowledge to ensure that local issues and concerns of their ward residents are properly addressed and understood by the committee. These would be things which might not be known or appreciated by the planning officer.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
5	The ward members should know their patch and recognise the potential issues	6/13/2022 6:14 PM
6	A members who is not on the planning committee can speak on behalf of his/her residents on a planning application in their Ward.	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
7	Allows all members to participate and be seen by objectors in particular to have additional representation	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
8	The Ward Advocacy role is for Councillors who are not committee members to have a voice at the meetings to highlight issues that residents may not be able to demonstrate.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
9	Opportunity for ward councillors who are not part of committee to add their comments to the committee whether they are concerned of the consequences of the application or in fact support it.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
10	To represent the views and speak on behalf of others	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
11	It works OK	6/5/2022 8:26 AM
12	A resident may request a Ward Cllr to speak at Committee in support of/against a planning application. That Cllr cannot be a committee member as it would lead to accusations of predetermination. If a Ward Cllr felt unable to act in this role, another Ward/non-Ward Cllr should be able to act as Ward advocate.	6/3/2022 11:52 PM
13	In my ward it has worked well as If I am approached by an applicant I can pass them on to my colleague for further discussion.	5/31/2022 9:45 AM
14	That a ward member not on the committee can speak about or for or against an application to assist in decision making. This role can also be adopted by a committee member who declares an interest and chooses to speak solely as a member of the public.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
15	I understand the role and it is a very good addition.	5/26/2022 8:33 PM
16	One ward member who is not on NAPC can provide this.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
17	I support the concept but only one member seems to be using it.	5/26/2022 12:49 PM
18	It is a system that confuses the public and makes life intolerable for other members who have to follow valid and acceptable reasons for permission or refusal. It is perceived as a way of increasing the chances of the person not on the committee of getting elected and so it introduces politics. When the advocate then puts their views on social media or in the press the public and applicant assume the application is predetermined and fixed.	5/26/2022 12:36 PM

Q12 Do you feel that Ward Advocacy is effective and assists in the quality of decision making?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	12
No	25.00%	4
TOTAL		16

#	PLEASE INCLUDE ANY COMMENTS HERE	DATE
1	No idea - I do not know what it is for.	6/22/2022 2:46 PM
2	Cannot comment	6/20/2022 2:10 PM
3	There are sometimes fundamental conflicts of interest between members' care of their ward residents and their duty to respond 'objectively' to planning application.	6/15/2022 8:01 AM
4	Only 2 Ward members have attend a meeting, not enough evidence to say whether they had any impact on the debate	6/10/2022 10:52 AM
5	Not sure it adds a lot of value and 5 minutes is too long	6/10/2022 6:56 AM
6	It is good to hear from the Ward Advocacy as further information can be highlighted and it also allow members to question any issues raised.	6/9/2022 3:01 PM
7	Yes on occasions it helps the committee	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
8	Can bring another perspective. But not used widely enough by all wards.	6/6/2022 3:33 PM
9	My colleague keeps me abreast of the local sentiment and any problems.	5/31/2022 9:45 AM
10	It can do if the member acting as a advocate helps clarify the real planning issues and local feelings, separating emotion from material planning concerns.	5/28/2022 12:19 AM
11	Provided the member is knowledgable.	5/26/2022 3:10 PM
12	The public do not see why a member not on the committee has longer to speak than supporters or objectors	5/26/2022 12:36 PM