

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

POWERS AND DUTIES

1. To consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the maintenance and usage of the Council's open spaces, woodlands, amenity areas, village greens and commons.
2. To keep under review the Aycliffe Environment Plan and to make appropriate recommendations to the Council.
3. To oversee the implementation of any projects authorised by the Council arising out of the proposals in the Aycliffe Environment Plan.
4. To consider and make recommendations to the Council as burial authority including the provision, care and management of cemeteries.
5. To take steps for the provision of allotments within the Great Aycliffe area and to undertake the management, regulation and control of any allotments so provided.
6. To site, erect, supervise and maintain all public sanitary conveniences and urinals other than those situate in public parks and recreation grounds.
7. To respond to planning and licensing applications where the Council is consulted.
8. To advise and make recommendations to the statutory and agency functions of the Council in relation to the lighting of footways and streets.
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 - (a) To advise and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the provision of litter bins.
 - (b) To advise and make recommendations to the Council in respect of complaints about litter offences.
 - (c) To have responsibility, within the law, and the appropriate budget, for the removal of graffiti from buildings or structures within the Council's administrative area.
 - (d) To advise and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the drainage, cleaning or dealing with, any pond, ditch or gutter.
 - (e) To undertake a review of the Neighbourhood Plan as and when required and if relevant legislation changes.
10. To consider and made recommendations to the Council in relation to rights of way.
11. To consider and made recommendations to the Council in relation to the repair and maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways.
12. To consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the provision of vehicle parking and cycle racks.

13. (a) To respond on all matters of general environmental importance affecting the area and to consider and comment on any policies or procedures of any other agencies in relation to any incident.
- (b) To make appropriate representations to any relevant agency in relation to any incident, event or action which in the opinion of the Council is detrimental to the health of the community in its area.
- (c) Within the budget agreed from time to time by the Council to engage appropriately qualified individuals or bodies to assist the Committee in exercising the powers set out above.
14. To consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the provision and maintenance of bus shelters.
15. To consider and make recommendations to the Council on matters relating to traffic calming measures and other road safety matters.
16. To consider, monitor and make recommendations on the operation of the Council's trading activities in relation to burials and allotments.
17. Planning Sub-Committee

To appoint annually a Planning Sub-Committee with the following terms of reference:

- (a) The Planning Sub-Committee shall comprise a number of members to be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) That meetings be held as and when required.
- (c) The Planning Sub-Committee will deal with planning applications, with particular reference to policies that are within the Council's emerging Neighbourhood Plan.
- (d) The Planning Sub-Committee has been delegated powers to respond on behalf of the Council to Durham County Council in relation to those planning applications.

Note: All members of the Council will be notified of the planning applications which will be considered at each meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee in order that they may attend and make representations.

18. Grant of Grave Space

That the power to grant grave spaces is delegated to the Town Clerk.