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Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee (NPIC) Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference approved by Full Council in April 2023

Prime objectives

The purpose of the Committee shall be to support the Parish Council to implement the policies within the Ingatestone and Fryerning Neighbourhood Plan.

Membership

The Committee shall consist of at least three Parish Councillors and other non-council members, as appointed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting of Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council, or as necessary.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 s102(3) as amended by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 s13(1), non-members (those who are not Parish Councillors) do not have voting rights on the Committee.

Any councillor may attend meetings of the Committee, in the public forum, and abide by the regulations set down in Standing Orders.

At the first meeting of the Committee and at the following Annual Parish Council Meetings, the Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the coming year. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, the members present at a meeting shall elect one of their number to act as chair of the that meeting only. The position of NPIC Chair and Vice Chair can only be filled by Parish Councillors.

The Committee will form Working Groups, that will undertake various tasks, consisting of Parish Councillors and/or non-council members to those groups, together with volunteers as necessary. Each Working Group will have an agreed lead person.

Wherever possible, all other members of the Committee and Working Groups should have a specific role, to be agreed by the Committee. The make-up and purpose of the Working Groups will be regularly reviewed by the Committee.

Key tasks

In developing the implementation plan, the Committee will carry out the following tasks:

- Identify sources of funding.
- Take responsibility for planning, budgeting and monitoring expenditure on the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Strategy and report back to Full Council on these matters.
- To authorise expenditure within the budget set by Full Council annually and as amended when required.
- Liaise with relevant authorities and organisations to make the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Strategy as effective as possible.
- Identify ways of involving the whole community and gather the views and opinions of as many groups and organisations in the community as possible.

- Parish Council insurance will cover the previously agreed activities of the Committee, Working Group members, and volunteers but those persons, in liaison with the Parish Clerk, need to ensure that terms of the insurance are not breached.
- Regularly report back to Full Council on progress, issues arising and outcomes.

Powers

The Committee is authorised by Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council, within the scope of its duties and responsibilities to:

- To investigate and carry out any activity and spend from its budget, within its terms of reference.
- To seek any information, from the Clerk, related to any matter within the Committee's terms of reference.
- To invite outsiders with relevant expertise to attend a meeting of the Committee if the Committee considers this is necessary.

Meetings

The Committee

- The Committee shall agree the next meeting date at each meeting but will aim to meet monthly.
- Notice given of the Committee meetings will be in line with legislation
- All meetings will be open to the public.
- The meetings will be minuted by a member of the Committee and written up by the Parish Clerk.

Working Groups

- Working Groups will meet as and when required to complete their tasks.
- These meetings do not require public notice or to be held in public.
- No formal minutes of these meeting will be taken.
- The Working Groups will provide a full report to the next Committee meeting.