

APPENDIX A**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

- Purpose:** A Special Committee appointed, pursuant to section 86 of the Local Government Act 1989, to assist Council in decision making on urban planning matters and for dealing with planning permits under section 188 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- Membership:** Five Councillors. The Chairperson is to be appointed by the Council each year.
- Quorum:** 3 Councillors
- Meeting Frequency:** Twice monthly
- Scope of Activity:** To consider and determine the following matters:
- Planning applications which receive five or more objections.
 - Planning applications for more than three dwellings irrespective of the number of objections.
 - Planning applications which fail to meet the objectives of adopted Council policy.
 - Planning applications which, in the opinion of the Manager, City Development in consultation with the Chairperson of the Planning Committee, raise major policy implications and ought to be referred to the Committee for determination.
 - Any other applications for major developments or changes of use which, in the opinion of the Manager, City Development in consultation with the Chairperson of the Planning Committee, ought to be referred to the Committee for determination.
 - Minor amendments to Development Plans which in the opinion of the Manager City Development, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Planning Committee, can be determined by the Committee.
- Reporting:** The Committee reports periodically to Council on decisions made (planning permits considered) under delegated authority.
- A report on the meetings and activities of the Planning Committee is to be prepared for inclusion in Council's Annual Report.
- Delegated Authority:** Full delegated authority under section 188 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to determine applications.
- The Committee has discretion to refer matters to Council if considered appropriate.