

## Elected Member Training

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### WHAT WE DO & WHY WE DO IT

PAS offers specialist training for Elected Members to assist them in their role as decision makers and facilitators in the planning system. The training is delivered by PAS staff and senior qualified planners (who are also PAS volunteers). The programme covers key principles of planning decision-making (including recent planning reform), placemaking; community planning and Locality Planning Partnerships, development planning and development management; and engaging with stakeholders including seldom heard groups. Training can be delivered on weekdays, evenings or Saturdays as a stand alone event or as a series of workshops.

### WHO IS IT FOR?

This training will be of particular interest and relevance to Elected Members who sit on planning committees. It is also relevant to all Elected Members who are likely to discuss planning issues with their constituents. A standard training package can be offered or alternatively the training can be tailored to fit with a specific remit. Training can also be delivered as part of a Partnership agreement with PAS or as part of community engagement with constituents through our [Charretteplus®](#) programme.



*“The training was very informative for my duties on the planning committee and for advising locally on the planning process.”*

### WHAT DIFFERENCE DO WE MAKE?

- Training is provided from an impartial perspective
- Participants are encouraged to think about their representative role
- Awareness raised of the importance of early involvement in local and strategic development plans
- Discussions held on the nature of planning decision-making and how to make informed decisions
- Participants assisted to deal with planning enquiries from constituents

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