

## Cabinet Members sitting on Planning Committees – Information from other Local Authorities.

Council	Cabinet Members sit on Planning	Cabinet Members do not sit on Planning	Notes:
South Ribble		X	Executive Members in South Ribble Borough Council do not sit on their planning committee. The two roles have been kept separate.
Lancashire County Council		X (see notes)	The relevant Cabinet Member is the only Cabinet Member permitted to sit on Development Control. On occasions when this causes difficulties the Monitoring Officer advises the Member to withdraw from Development Control.
Rosendale	X		The Monitoring Officer would apply the rules of personal and prejudicial interests as necessary.
Hyndburn	X		4 out of the current 6 Cabinet members serve on Planning, one of whom is Vice-Chair of Planning Committee. If a difficulty arises the Member withdraws at either Planning or Cabinet, depending which comes first.
Chorley		X	Although not excluded by its Constitution, there are no Executive Members on Chorley Council's Development Control Committee.
Blackburn with Darwen		X (see notes)	Only the Executive Member for the relevant Portfolio (Regeneration and Environment) sits on the Planning and Highways Committee.
Fylde	X		No restrictions in place.
Blackpool		X	The roles are kept entirely separate to avoid any conflict issues.
Preston		X	The Council's constitution does not exclude Cabinet Members from serving on its Planning Committee. However, Cabinet Members have never been members of its Planning Committee because of the potential for perceived conflict of interests.

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Pendle	<b>X</b>		Pendle Borough Council's Planning functions are carried out by a number of area Committees. These are made up of the Councillors for the area concerned, therefore Executive Members do take part in planning decisions.
West Lancashire	<b>X</b>		West Lancashire District Council has a provision in its Constitution based on the Secretary of State's Guidance (attached at Appendix 2) that, to ensure full exchange of information between the Cabinet and Planning Committee, the relevant cabinet portfolio holder should be a member, but not chairman, of the Planning Committee. Other Cabinet members are also on its Committee. If a member has participated at Cabinet in relation to a landowning matter which comes before Planning they may declare and not participate. Occasionally they may choose to declare at Cabinet and not participate if they have not been personally involved previously and prefer to carry out the Planning role.
Burnley	<b>X</b>		Burnley Borough Council has no restrictions.
Leeds	<b>X</b>		Leeds City Council's Codes and Protocols section of its Constitution sets out guidelines, as follows:- "There is no Constitutional or legal reason why an Executive Board member should not also be a member of the Plans Panel and take part in the decision making processes which are not part of the executive function. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ be aware that you should not speak or vote on any matter which you have discussed at Executive Board unless you have demonstrated there and can do so at Plans Panel that you have not predetermined the application.</li> <li>• do not take part in any meeting of the Plans Panel on a matter in which you may have been seen as advocating a proposal as an Executive or Deputy Executive Member."</li> </ul>