



I would like to request the following information:

1. A list of all councillors who are or have been members of the planning committee, for the period 2000 to the present day.

A list of Planning Committee members from 2003 (the furthest our records go back) to 2025 are outlined in the attached document.

2. For each councillor, please include their start and end dates of service on the committee.

To provide this information for each individual Elected Member in the attached document 'would exceed the 18 hour.

'Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link:
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

3. Please also indicate which councillor(s) served as Chair of the committee, and their corresponding dates in that role.

The Chairs of the Planning Committee from 2003 – present are outlined below:-

- Councillor J A O'Neill = 2003 – 2008
- Councillor J Hilton = 2008 - 2009
- Councillor P Prescott = 2009 - 2019
- Councillor S Hellier = 2019 - 2022
- Councillor Paul Kenny = 2022 – to present

2003	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE (Composition 24)</p> <p>Labour (20): Councillors J.A. O'Neill (Chairman), S.J. Hellier (Vice-Chairman), N.D. Ash, Mrs. A. Bennett, Mrs. J.S. Birch, J.R. Earl, J. Hilton, B. Jarvis, Mrs. B. Jarvis, D. Kelly, J. Lea, Mrs. S. Loudon, D.T. Molyneux, Mrs. J. Prescott, A. Robinson, W.S. Simmons, E.F. Swift, G.R. Walsh and R. Winkworth (plus one vacancy).</p> <p>Community Action (2) Councillor Hodgkinson</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (1) Councillor Beswick</p> <p>Conservatives (1) Councillor Davies</p>
2004	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (8): Councillors J.A. O'Neill (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett (Vice-Chairman), J. Hilton (Mayor), D.T. Molyneux, A. Robinson, W.S. Simmons, E.F. Swift and R. Winkworth.</p> <p>Community Action (3) Councillors W. Carney, J. Ellis and J.D. Hodgkinson.</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (1*) Councillor Mrs. J. Beswick</p> <p>Conservatives (2*) Councillor J.F. Davies and G.A. Fairhurst.</p> <p>* Transfer agreed between Liberal Democrat and Conservative Leaders.</p>

2005	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (8): Councillors J.A. O'Neill (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett (Vice-Chairman), J. Hilton, Mrs. B. Jarvis, A. Robinson, J. Shaw, W.S. Simmons and E F Swift.</p> <p>Community Action (3) Councillors W. Carney, J. Ellis and J.D. Hodgkinson.</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (1*) Councillor Mrs. J. Beswick</p> <p>Conservatives (2*) Councillor J.F. Davies and G.A. Fairhurst.</p> <p>* Transfer agreed between Liberal Democrat and Conservative Leaders.</p>
2006	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (8): Councillors J.A. O'Neill (Chairman), Mrs. A. Bennett (Vice-Chairman), M.A. Dewhurst, J. Hilton, Mrs. B. Jarvis, A. Robinson, J. Shaw and W.S. Simmons.</p> <p>Community Action (2) Councillors J. Ellis and J.D. Hodgkinson.</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillor J.F. Davies and G.A. Fairhurst.</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (2*) Councillors Mrs. J. Beswick and R.T. Splaine.</p> <p>Independents (0*)</p> <p>*Transfer agreed between Liberal Democrat Leader and the Independents</p>

2007	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (9): Councillors J A O'Neill (Chairman), Mrs A Bennett (Vice-Chairman), B Bowen, N Bradbury, C Cottam, J Hilton, Mrs B Jarvis, A Robinson and J Shaw.</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillor J F Davies and G A Fairhurst.</p> <p>Democratic Alliance (2) Councillors Mrs J Beswick and W Carney</p> <p>Independent Councillor Group (1) Councillor J D Hodgkinson.</p>
2008	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (8): Councillors J Hilton (Chairman), Mrs E Smethurst (Vice-Chairman), B Bowen, N A Bradbury, Mrs P Cullen, Mrs S J Greensmith, Mrs Y Klieve and Mrs J Prescott.</p> <p>Democratic Alliance (2) Councillors Mrs J Beswick and W Carney.</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillors R Clayton and P A Liptrot.</p> <p>Independent Councillor Group (1) Councillor J D Hodgkinson.</p> <p>Independent Conservative Group (1) Councillor G A Fairhurst.</p>

2009	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (8): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), J Hilton (Vice-Chairman), B Bowen, Mrs S J Greensmith, Ms P L Holland, Mrs Y Klieve, Mrs J Prescott and J Talbot.</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillors R Clayton and P A Liptrot.</p> <p>Independent Councillor Group (2) Councillor W Carney and J Ellis.</p> <p>Democratic Alliance (1) Councillor Mrs J Beswick</p> <p>Wigan Independent Conservative Group (1) Councillor G A Fairhurst.</p>
2010	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (10): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), J Hilton (Vice-Chairman), B Bowen, Mrs S J Greensmith, Ms P L Holland, Mrs Y Klieve, Mrs J Prescott, J Talbot, Mrs M A Rampling, P Stewart.</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillors R Clayton, P A Liptrot</p> <p>Democratic Alliance (1) Councillor Ms L E Fagan</p> <p>Independent (1) Councillor W Carney</p>

2011	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 14)</p> <p>Labour (11): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), J Hilton (Vice-Chairman), B Bowen, Mrs S J Greensmith, S J Hellier, Ms P L Holland, Mrs Y Klieve, Mrs J Prescott, Mrs M A Rampling, P Stewart and J Talbot.</p> <p>Independent Councillor Group (2) Councillors J Ellis and R T Splaine.</p> <p>Conservative (1) Councillor P A Liptrot.</p> <p>Liberal Democrats (0) No representative.</p> <p>Community Action (0) No representative.</p> <p>Standish Independent (0) No representative.</p>
2012	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15)</p> <p>Labour (13): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), J Hilton (Vice-Chairman), W Clarke, S J Greensmith, S J Hellier, P L Holland, Y Klieve, E McGurin, J Prescott, M A Rampling, P Stewart, J Talbot and F B Walker.</p> <p>Independent Councillor Group (1) Councillor J Ellis</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (1) Vacant</p> <p>Standish Independent (0) No representative.</p> <p>Non Group Members (0) No representative.</p>

2013	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15)</p> <p>Labour (13): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), S J Hellier (ViceChairman), B Bowen, W Clarke, S J Greensmith, J Hilton, P L Holland, Y Klieve, J Prescott, A M Rampling, P Stewart, J Talbot and F B Walker</p> <p>Wigan Independent Network (1) Councillor N A Bradbury</p> <p>Liberal Democrat (0) No representative.</p> <p>Standish Independent (0) No representative.</p> <p>Non Group Members (1) vacancy.</p>
2014	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15)</p> <p>Labour (13): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), S J Hellier (Vice-Chairman), B Bowen, W Clarke, S J Greensmith, J Hilton, P L Holland, Y Klieve, J Prescott, M A Rampling, P Stewart, J Talbot and F B Walker</p> <p>Wigan Independent Network (1) Councillor N A Bradbury</p> <p>Wigan Independent Group (0)</p> <p>Conservatives (1) Councillor J N Grundy</p> <p>Non Group Members (0)</p>

2015	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15)</p> <p>Labour (13): Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), S J Hellier (Vice-Chairman), W Clarke, M A Dewhurst, S J Greensmith, J Hilton, P L Holland, Y Klieve, J Prescott, M A Rampling, J Sharratt, J Talbot and F B Walker</p> <p>Conservatives/Wigan Independent Network (1) Councillor Don Hodgkinson.</p> <p>Standish Independent Group (1) Councillor G A Fairhurst</p> <p>Non Group Members (0)</p>
2016	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (13) P Prescott (Chairman), S J Hellier (Vice-Chairman), W Clarke, S J Greensmith, J Harding, J Hilton, Y Klieve, J Prescott, C Roberts, M A Rampling, J Sharratt, J Talbot and F B Walker.</p> <p>Conservatives (1) R Whittingham</p> <p>Standish Independent (1) Vacant</p>

2017	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (13) P Prescott (Chairman), S J Hellier (Vice-Chairman), S J Greensmith, J Harding, J Hilton, Y Klieve, Stephen Murphy, J Prescott, C Roberts, M A Rampling, J Sharratt, J Talbot and F B Walker</p> <p>Conservatives (1) R Whittingham</p> <p>Wigan Independent Group (1) R Brierley</p>
2018	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (12) Councillors P Prescott (Chairman), S J Hellier (Vice-Chairman), B Clarke, M A Dewhurst, S Dewhurst, J Harding, J Hilton, Stephen Murphy, J Prescott, J Sharratt, J Talbot and F B Walker</p> <p>Conservative (1) Councillor R Whittingham</p> <p>Wigan Independent (1) Councillor A Collinson</p> <p>Independent Network (1) Councillor S Gerrard</p>

2019	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (11) Councillors P Prescott, (Chairman), S J Hellier, (Vice-Chairman), B Clarke, S Greensmith, J Harding, J Hilton, M McLoughlin, G Merrett, J Prescott, J Sharratt and F B Walker</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillor S Evans, Councillor K Houlton</p> <p>Independent Network (1) Councillor S Gerrard</p> <p>Makerfield Independent (1) Councillor Maiden</p> <p>No Group (0)</p>
2020	<p><i>Committee Allocations remained unadjusted during 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</i></p>
2021	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (10) Councillors S J Hellier (Chairman), (Vice-Chairman) S Greensmith, S Dawber, L Flynn, J Harding, P Kenny, G Merrett, J Prescott, J Sharratt and F B Walker.</p> <p>Conservatives (3) Councillor M Clayton, Councillor M Cooper, Councillor K Houlton</p> <p>Independent Alliance (2) Councillor J Ellis, Councillor S Gerrard</p>

2022	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (12) Councillors P Kenny (Chairman), S Greensmith, (Vice-Chairman), J Harding, S Hellier, P L Holland, D Hurst, G Merrett, J Prescott, J Sharratt, F B Walker and D Wood. Vacancy</p> <p>Conservatives (2) Councillors M Cooper and K Houlton</p> <p>Independent Alliance (1) Councillor S Gerrard</p>
2023	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (13) Councillors P Kenny (Chairman), J Harding, (Vice-Chairman), P Blay, A Bullen, A Collins, M Dawber, L Flynn, S Greensmith, D Hurst, J Nicholson, J Sharratt, F Walker and D Wood</p> <p>Independents Together (1) Vacancy</p> <p>Independent Alliance (1) Councillor J Fish</p>

2024	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (13) Councillors P Kenny (Chairman), J Harding, (Vice-Chairman), P Blay, A Collins, P Cullen, M Dawber, L Flynn, S Greensmith, D Hurst, J Nicholson, M Smith, F Walker and D Wood</p> <p>Independent Network (2) Councillors J Fish and S Gerrard</p>
2025	<p>Planning Committee (Composition 15 Elected Members)</p> <p>Labour (13) Councillors P Kenny (Chairman), J Harding (Vice- Chairman), P Blay, A Collins, P Cullen, M Dawber, L Flynn, S Greensmith, D Hurst, J Nicholson, M Smith, F Walker, D Wood</p> <p>Community Independent Alliance (1) Councillor J Fish</p> <p>Independents Together (1) Vacancy</p>