

Becoming 'Neighbourhood Plan Ready'

Session One: Organising the Group

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Scope and aim of tonight's presentation...

SCOPE: To highlight key principles involved in organising your neighbourhood planning group, covering:

- key roles
- key tasks
- effective 'ways of working'

... in other words it's about organising who is doing what and how they are doing it

AIM: to get the right people
doing the right things
in the right way

Scene setting (1)

‘A designated neighbourhood forum is an organisation or group **empowered to lead the neighbourhood planning process** in a neighbourhood area where there is no town or parish council’.

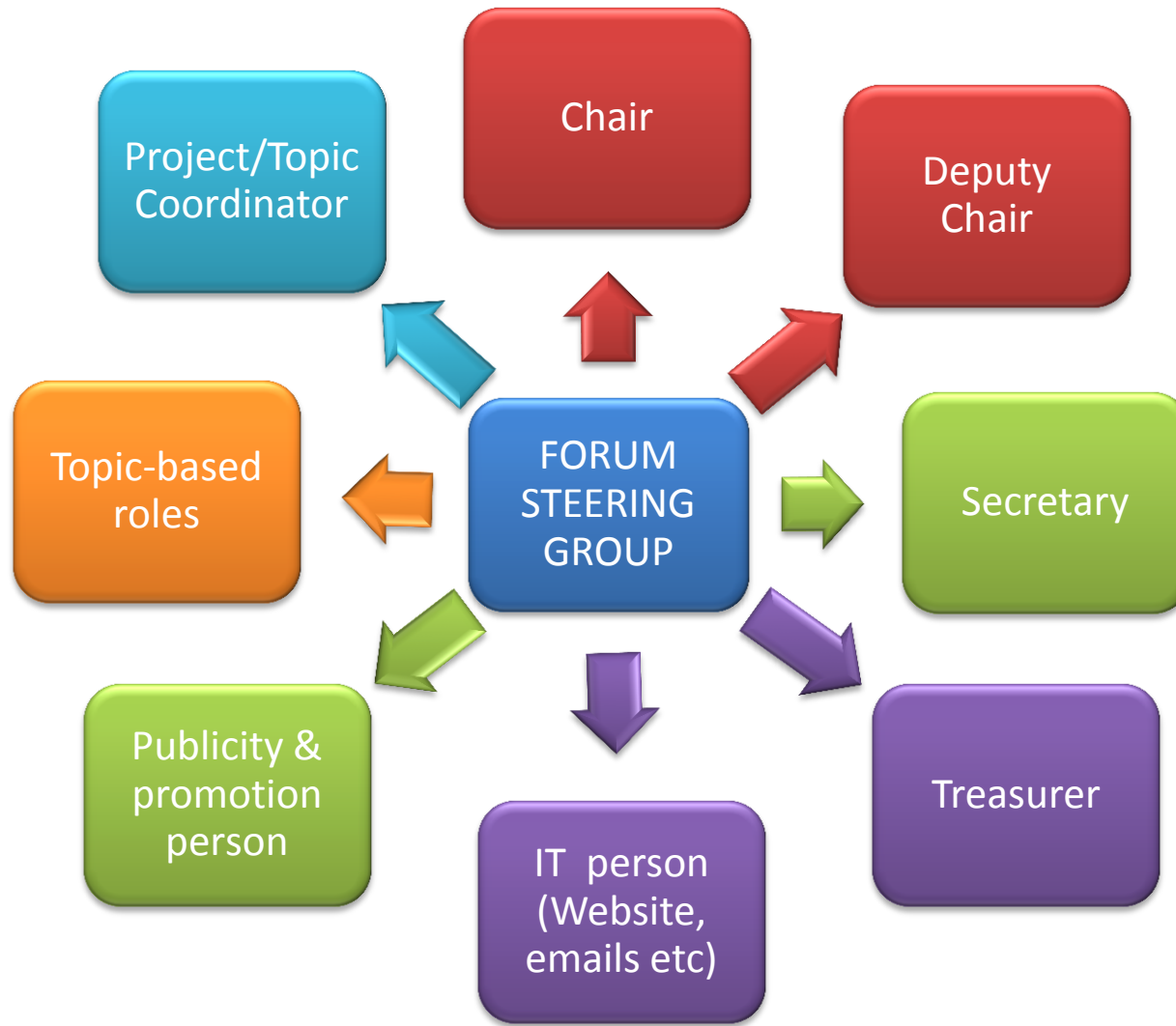
SOURCE: National Planning Practice Guidance

Scene setting (2)

Key criteria for Forum:

- Must have minimum membership of 21
- Membership must broadly reflect the neighbourhood/community including residents and businesses within it
- Must have a Written Constitution

Typical Roles...



Typical Topic Based Roles/Groups

HOLBECK

- Plan Content
- Plan Publicity
- Community Projects

OULTON & WOODLESFORD

- Housing
- Landscape & the Environment
- Community Assets
- Local Economy
- Renewable Energy
- Sports & Leisure
- Transport






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- Housing
- Community & Environment
- Economy
- Conservation & Heritage
- Infrastructure

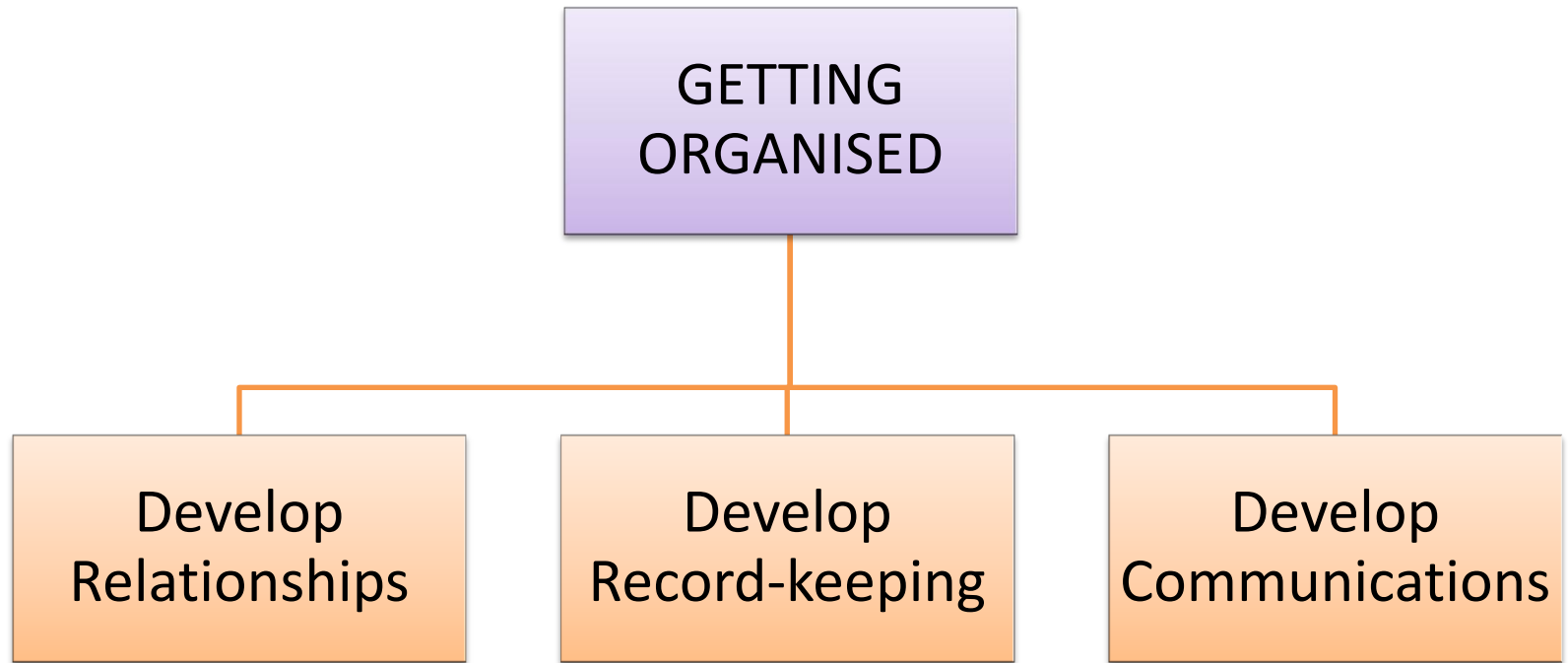
GARFORTH

- Site allocations
- Education
- Healthcare
- Leisure
- Traffic
- Commerce & industry

Quick checklist for topic choices

-  Is it an issue that relates to the development or use of land?
-  Is it an issue that is not satisfactorily covered in the Council's Local Plan?
-  Is it an issue where there is evidence to justify taking action to address it?
-  Is it an issue which can be meaningfully tackled through the Neighbourhood Plan?
-  Is it an issue which is recognised by the community as a whole?

Doing the right things



Making the Forum work

What ingredients need to be in place?



Written
Constitution



Effective task
sharing



Effective communication
within the group



Effective links with
the community



Effective links with
the Council



Effective meetings



Effective
record-keeping



The right attitude!

A photograph of a white duck leading a line of eight ducklings on a sandy path. The ducklings are small, with black and yellow feathers. They are walking in a line towards the right. In the background, there is a body of water and a concrete curb. The text "Discussion / Questions" is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

Discussion / Questions