

Title of Report:	Conference Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	24 September 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership
Outcome	Council operates as one effective and efficient corporate unit with a common purpose and culture
Lead Officer	Head of Planning

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Subsistence
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	
Code	3101-62507
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform Elected Members of conferences and courses they may wish to attend.

2.0 RTPI Conference - Building Better Communities - Politicians in Planning Event

2.2 Extract

We will explore the roles and relationships of those involved in planning committees and help all stakeholders maximise the potential of the planning system as a force for positive change to deliver on the Council's objectives for the communities you serve, while avoiding pitfalls and hazards.

- <https://www.rtpi.org.uk/events/building-better-communities-politicians-in-planning-event/>

- 2.3 **Date:** 27 October 2025
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DN
Cost: Free places to RTPI members and Elected Members or £25 plus VAT for non-RTPI members.

3.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Planning Committee consider the Conference report.