

Functions and titles of conservation and design services

The recent IHBC/EH project Quantifying Local Planning Authority Conservation Staffing (English Heritage Project Number 5154) carried out a survey in October 2006 of 363 Local Planning Authorities in England.

Of these 363 authorities 106 had conservation services which were located in a service, team, section or part of team which had mention of design in its title. The majority of these used the words 'conservation and design' or 'conservation and urban design' or the reverse i.e 'design and conservation'.

178 conservation functions were integrated services which are part of the mainstream planning teams being relatively evenly split between planning policy and development control. Many of these were found where conservation services were those provided by a single officer or those authorities who had no specialist officer.

Fifteen conservation services were provided in teams which only refer to building conservation only i.e 'conservation' or 'building conservation' and a further 9 had conservation coupled with something else such as landscape, archaeology or trees.

Wider historic environment generic titles were not used significantly. Where these were they included built environment (3) and heritage (4), historic environment (4) and heritage and conservation (6). Only three services had archaeology in any part of their title.

For all titles used see the tables below.

Service, team and sub team titles which include 'design'

Assets, Design & Regeneration

Built environment and design

City Centre Projects & Urban Design

Community Planning and Design

Conservation & Design (29)

Conservation & Urban Design (10)

Conservation and Design & Landscape (2)

Conservation, Design & Projects

Conservation, Design and Transportation

Design & Conservation (28)

Design Services

Design, Conservation & Sustainable Development

Development Design

Environment & Design

Environmental policy and design

Heritage & Design (2)

Heritage and Urban Design

Planning Policy & Design (2)

Planning Policy, Design and conservation

Planning, Development & Design

Policy & Design

Property and design

Regeneration and design

Strategic Projects group, Development and the environment

Urban Design & Conservation (11)

Urban Design (4)

Service, team and sub team titles with just 'conservation'

Building Conservation (2)

Conservation (13)

Service, team and sub team titles with 'conservation' coupled with other title

Conservation & Land Management

Conservation & Landscape

Conservation & Policy

Conservation & Renewal

Conservation & Technical Support

Conservation & Trees

Conservation and Archaeology

Conservation Landscape & Archaeology

Economic Regeneration & Conservation

Service, team and sub team titles which are based in planning; either development control or planning policy

Area Development and Building Control

Area Management

Development & Building Control (2)

Development Control (16)

Development Plan & Conservation

Development Services (3)

Environment & Regulatory services

Environmental Planning (2)

Environmental Planning and Conservation

Forward Planning & Conservation (2)

Forward Planning & Implementation

Forward Planning (3)

Housing & Planning (3)

Landscape Planning and Conservation

Local planning & economic policy

Local Planning & Regeneration (2)

Local Plans & Transportation

Planning & Building Control (4)

Planning & Community Development

Planning & Development (4)

Planning & Economic Regeneration

Planning & Environment (2)

Planning & Regeneration (4)

Planning & Sustainability

Planning & Transportation Policy (3)

Planning (61)

Planning and Environmental Strategy

Planning Control and Conservation

Planning Implementation

Planning Policy & Conservation (4)

Planning policy & specialist services

Planning Policy & Standards

Planning Policy (9)

Planning policy and implementation

Planning Regulation and Enforcement

Planning services (12)

Planning, Health & Environment

Plans & Environment

Policy & Conservation (4)

Policy & Environment

Policy & Implementation

Policy and Heritage

Policy performance and regeneration

Regulatory services (4)

Spatial Planning & Environmental Planning

Strategic environmental and development services

Strategic Planning & Development (2)

Urban Policy & implementation

Service, team and sub team titles with heritage, historic environment related subject

Archaeology and Historic Buildings

Built Environment (3)

Cultural heritage

Heritage & Conservation (6)

Heritage & Environment (2)

Heritage & Leisure

Heritage & Regeneration

Heritage (4)

Heritage Development

Historic Areas

Historic Environment (4)

Service, team and sub team with other titles

Community Services

Cultural Services

Economic & Community Services

Economic Regeneration Service

Environment (3)

Environment Services

Environmental strategy, sustainable communities

Implementation

Neighbourhood and environment

Policy & Strategy,

Policy & Transport

Project delivery team,
Regeneration (2)
Specialist Services
Strategic Development Services
Strategy & Regeneration (2)
Sustainable Communities (3)
Technical Services

Urban Regeneration & Housing

Main function of service

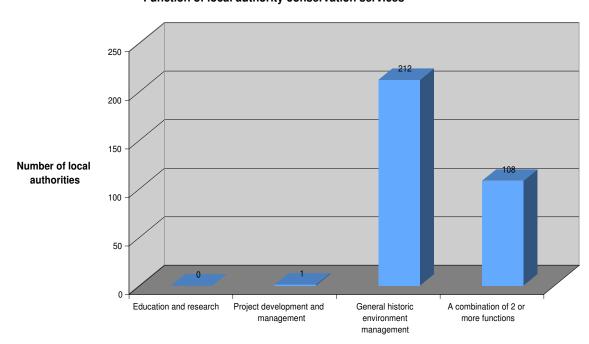
The work of 212 authorities is general historic environment management which is directly

related to the planning system such as development control work, planning policy and advice to the public. This often includes advice on new build, design, urban design as well as conservation.

108 authorities do a combination of work which includes statutory planning and conservation work but also involves developing conservation led regeneration schemes, capital projects, and major improvement schemes.

None of the authorities interviewed claimed to have a conservation service that is purely education or research based and only 1 authority felt that all their work was all project development or management without input into planning work.

Function of local authority conservation services



Function of service