



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.

