

Article 7 – Joint Arrangements

7.1 Arrangements to Promote Well Being

The Council in order to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area may:

- (a) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person or body;
- (b) co-operate with, or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of any person or body; and
- (c) exercise on behalf of that person or body any functions of that person or body.

7.2 Joint Arrangements

- (a) The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities and/or their executives to exercise functions in any of the participating authorities, or advise the Council. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of a joint committee with these other local authorities.
- (b) Details of any joint arrangements including any delegations to joint committees will be found in the Council's scheme of delegations to committees and the terms of reference of committees in Part 3(1) of this Constitution.

7.3 Access to Information

- (a) The "Rules with regard to access to meetings and related documents of the Council, its committees and subcommittees" in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, in Part 5 of this Constitution apply.
- (b) If the joint committee contains members who are not on the executive of any participating authority then the access to information rules in Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 will apply.

7.4 Delegation to and from Other Local Authorities

- (a) The Council may delegate functions to another local authority or, in certain circumstances, the executive of another local authority.
- (b) The Decision whether or not to accept such a delegation from another local authority shall be reserved to the Council meeting.

7.5 Contracting Out

The Council may contract out to another body or organisation functions which may be exercised by an officer and which are subject to an order under section 70 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994, or under contracting arrangements where the contractor acts as the Council's agent under usual contacting principles, provided there is no delegation of the Council's discretionary decision making.