

Article 9 – Joint Arrangements

9.1 Arrangements to Promote Wellbeing

The Cabinet, 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.

9.2 Joint Arrangements

- a. The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities to exercise functions which are not Cabinet 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. The Cabinet may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities to exercise functions which are Cabinet functions. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of joint committees with these other local authorities.

Except as set out below the Cabinet may only appoint Cabinet Members to a Joint Committee and those Councillors need not reflect the political composition of the Council as a whole.

The Cabinet may appoint Councillors to a Joint Committee from outside the Cabinet in the following circumstances:

- the Joint Committee has functions for only part of the area of the authority and that area is smaller than two fifth of the authority by areas or population. In such cases the Cabinet may appoint to the Joint Committee any Councillor who is a Councillor for a Ward which is wholly or partly contained within the area;
 - the Joint Committee is discharging a function in relation to five or more authorities;
 - the function which the Joint Committee is discharging is a function which is required by statute to be discharged by a Joint Committee;
 - political balance requirements do not apply to such appointments.
- c. Details of any joint arrangements including delegations to Joint Committees will be found in the Council's scheme of delegations in Part 2 of this Constitution.

9.3 Access to Information

The Access to Information Rules in Part 4 apply to Joint Arrangements.

9.4 Delegation to and from Other Local Authorities

- a. The Council may delegate functions to another local authority or, in certain circumstances, the Cabinet of another local authority.
- b. The Cabinet may delegate Cabinet functions to another local authority or the Cabinet of another local authority in certain circumstances.
- c. The decision whether or not to accept such a delegation from another local authority shall be reserved to the Council meeting except where it relates to pensions when it shall be reserved to the Pensions Committee.

9.5 Contracting Out

The Council in respect of non-Cabinet functions and the Cabinet in respect of Cabinet functions may contract out to another body or organisation functions which may be exercised by an employee 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 contracting principles, provided there is no delegation of the Council's discretionary decision making.