

Article 11 – Area Committees

11.01 Area Committees

The Council may from time to time establish such Area Committees as it sees fit as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

11.02 Composition

- (a) **Membership.** An Area Committee comprises all Ward Councillors from the Wards in its area.
- (b) **Quorum.** The quorum will be established by Full Council.
- (c) **Joint Meetings.** Two or more Area Committees may hold a joint meeting to discuss a matter which affects the area of each Area Committee.

11.03 Terms of Reference

Area Committees shall operate according to Terms of Reference set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

11.04 Rules of Procedure

The Area Committees shall operate according to Area Committee Procedure Rules and Access to Information Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

11.05 Delegations

The Area Committees shall carry out such functions as are delegated by the Full Council as set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

Full Council retains the right to remove, reserve or limit any of the powers delegated by it to an Area Committee at any time and for any reason it deems fit.

11.06 Operational Framework

Area Committees must operate within the Constitution (including but not limited to the Financial Regulations and the other rules of procedure contained in Part 4) and Commissioning and Procurement Guidelines. When making decisions they will comply with the principles of decision making set out in these Articles.

The Members' Code of Conduct applies fully to Councillors when serving on an Area Committee. Councillors must ensure that Council procedures are followed regarding Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, personal interests and other conflicts of interest.