

ARTICLE 11 - JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

11.1 Arrangements to promote well being

In order to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area, the Cabinet 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.

11.2 Joint arrangements

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.

11.3 The Cabinet may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities to exercise functions which are executive functions. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of joint committees with these other local authorities.

11.4 Except as set out in 11.5 below, the Cabinet may only appoint Cabinet Members to a joint committee and those members need not reflect the political composition of the Council.

11.5 The Cabinet may only appoint non-Cabinet members to a joint committee when the joint committee has functions for part only of the area of the authority and that area is smaller than 2/5ths of the authority by area or by population. In such cases, the Cabinet may appoint to the joint committee any councillor who is a member for an electoral division/ward which is wholly or partly contained within the area.

11.6 Details of any joint arrangements including any delegations to joint Committees will be found later in the Constitution.

11.7 Access to information

[The Access to Information Procedure Rules](#) set out in this Constitution apply to Joint Arrangements.

11.8 If all the members of a joint committee are members of the Cabinet in each of the participating authorities then its access to information regime is the same as that applied to the Cabinet.

11.9 If the joint committee contains members who are not on the Cabinet of any participating authority then the access to information rules in Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 will apply.

11.10 Delegation to and from other local authorities

The Council may delegate non-executive functions to another local authority or, in certain circumstances, the Cabinet of another local authority.

11.11 The Cabinet may delegate executive functions to another local authority or to the Cabinet of another local authority in certain circumstances.

11.12 The decision whether or not to accept a delegation from another local authority shall be reserved to a meeting of the Council.

11.13 Contracting out

The Cabinet 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 contracting principles, provided there is no delegation of the Council's discretionary decision making.