

PART 2

Article 10 – Area Committees

10.1 Area Committees

The Council may appoint area committees as it sees fit, if it is satisfied that to do so will ensure improved service delivery in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making.

10.2 Form, Composition and Function

- (i) The Council shall indicate which area committees it has established, the composition of such committees and their terms of reference.
- (ii) The Council and the Leader of the Council will include details of any delegations to area committees within Part 3 of this Constitution, including the functions delegated (indicating which are the responsibility of the Council and which are the responsibility of the executive), the composition of the committees, budgets and any limitations on delegation.

10.3 Conflicts of interest – membership of area committees and overview and scrutiny committees

- (i) Conflicts of interest – if an overview and scrutiny committee is scrutinising specific decisions or proposals in relation to the business of an area committee of which the councillor concerned is a member, then the councillor shall not speak or vote at the overview and scrutiny committee unless a dispensation to do so has been granted.
- (ii) General policy reviews – where the overview and scrutiny committee is reviewing policy generally the member must declare his/her interest before the relevant agenda item is reached, but need not withdraw.

10.3 Executive members on area committees

A member of the executive may serve on an area committee if otherwise eligible to do so as a councillor.