

ARTICLE 11 - JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

11.01 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) The Executive 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.
- (c) The Council and/or Executive may enter into partnership arrangements with NHS Bodies to exercise a more streamlined service and to pool resources, if such arrangements are likely to lead to an improvement in the way their functions are exercised. Such arrangements may involve the development of joint/integrated committees with such NHS Bodies.
- (d) Except as set out below, the Executive may only appoint Executive Members to a joint Committee and those members need not reflect the political composition of the local authority as a whole.
- (e) Details of any joint arrangements including any delegations to joint Committees will be found in the Council's scheme of delegations in [Part 3](#) of this Constitution.

11.02 ACCESS TO INFORMATION

- (a) [The Access to Information Rules](#) in Part 4 of this Constitution apply.
- (b) If all the members of a joint Committee are members of the Executive in each of the participating authorities then its access to information regime is the same as that applied to the Executive.
- (c) 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.

11.03 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 Executive may delegate Executive Functions to another local authority or the Executive 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.

11.04 **CONTRACTING OUT**

For Non Executive Functions the Council, and for Executive Functions the Executive, 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 function.