

Article 8 – Regulatory and Non-Executive Decision-Making Committees

8.01 Regulatory and other Non-Executive Decision-Making Committees

Regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000 specify that certain functions shall not be the responsibility of the Executive (Cabinet), and for which and/or the exercise of which Full Council must by law reserve for itself or has chosen to do so. These are contained in Article 4.

The Council will appoint Committees to discharge these functions. The Council's main regulatory Committees are set out below.

8.02 The Planning Committee

This Committee is responsible for matters relating to the control of the use of land including planning and listed building consents, the preservation of buildings and trees, conservation areas and enforcement.

8.03 The Licensing and Regulation Committee

This Committee is responsible for regulating the sale of alcohol, the provision of public entertainment and gambling, taxis/private hire vehicles and drivers, and such other matters within the remit of the Committee as set out in this Constitution.

Within its Terms of Reference are the appointments of:

- a) A Licensing Sub-Committee which will have delegated responsibility to responsibilities include dealing with applications under the Licensing Act 2003, hackney carriage/private hire licences; and
- b) applications and appeals, and any other licensing matters referred to it

8.04 The Audit and Governance Committee

This Committee will be responsible for Audit and Corporate Governance including the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members of the authority

Within its Terms of Reference Sub Committees can be appointed::

- a) A Standards Sub-Committee which will have delegated responsibility to consider investigation reports, in respect of Code of Conduct complaints, that are referred to it by the Monitoring Officer and conduct hearings into allegations that a Member or co-opted Member of the Council or Town/Parish Council has breached the relevant code of conduct.
- b) A Human Resources Sub-Committee can be appointed when required which will be responsible for the Council's Human Resources function where there is a specific requirement for this to be undertaken by a

Committee which shall include disciplinary matters relating to relevant officers.

Housing (Appeals) Committee

To hear and determine the following matters where they do not fall, or are not decided, within the scheme of delegation to officers :-

- a) Specific cases in respect of either public or private sector housing referred by the Strategic Director with responsibility for housing or where a specific request for consideration has been made by a Member of the Council; or
- b) Where housing applicants wish to appeal against the decision to pend their application for a period of one year; or
- c) To determine appeals in respect of discretionary housing payments.

8.05 Other Committees

The Council will appoint such other Committees as are set out in Part 3 of the Constitution to discharge the functions described therein.