

ARTICLE 9 – LOCAL COMMITTEES

9.01 Local Committees

The Council will appoint local 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. These may include joint committees appointed by the Council and the relevant District or Borough.

The Council will consult with relevant parish and town councils and the chairmen of relevant parish meetings when considering whether and how to establish local committees.

The Leader/Cabinet will undertake a review of local committees annually, and make recommendations to the Council on their Constitution, Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation. The delegation of executive functions shall be determined by the Leader/Cabinet.

9.02 Form, composition and function

- (a) **Local committees.** The Council has appointed local committees to discharge functions in the Surrey district/borough areas of the county, with the membership of each committee comprising the county councillors representing the electoral divisions which fall within the respective district/borough areas.

The membership of the committees may also include an equal number of co-opted district/borough councillors with voting rights in relation to those matters set out in Section 2 of the Scheme of Delegation.

Where the local committee is a joint committee the membership will comprise the county councillors representing the electoral divisions which fall within the respective district/borough areas, together with a member of the Council's cabinet if not already included, and an equal number of councillors from the relevant district or borough, together with any representation from its Executive as required by the regulations.

Where the local committee is a joint committee, it will operate according to its own Constitution, which will be published on the County Council's website as an annex to this Constitution.

- (b) **Delegations.** The Council and the Leader have included details of the delegations to local committees in Part 3 of this Constitution, including the functions delegated (showing which are the responsibility of the Leader/Cabinet and which are not), the composition and membership of the committees, budgets and any limitations on delegation.

9.03 Local committees – access to information

Local committees will comply with the Access to Information rules in Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972.

Agendas and notices for local committee meetings which deal with both functions of the Leader/Cabinet and functions which are not the responsibility of the Leader/Cabinet will state clearly which items are which.

9.04 Cabinet members on local committees

A member of the Cabinet may serve on a local committee if otherwise eligible to do so as a Councillor. Where a local committee is a joint committee discharging executive functions a cabinet member will need to be appointed to that committee.