

SECTION 9

JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

1. Arrangements to promote well being

- 1.1 The Council or the Cabinet, in order to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area, may enter into arrangements or agreements with any person or body, co-operate with, or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of, any person or body; and exercise on behalf of that person or body any functions of that person or body.

2. Joint arrangements

- 2.1 The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities and/or their Scrutiny Committees to exercise functions which are not executive functions in any of the participating authorities, or advise the Council.

- 2.2 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 those other local authorities.

- 2.3 The Cabinet may only appoint Cabinet members to a joint Committee unless:-

- 2.3.1 The Joint Committee has functions for only part of the area of the authority, and that area is smaller than two-fifths of the authority by area or population. In such cases, the Cabinet may appoint to the Joint Committee any Councillor who is a member for an electoral division which is wholly or partly contained within the area; or

- 2.3.2 The Joint Committee is between a County Council and a single District Council and relates to executive functions of the County Council. In such cases, the Cabinet of the County Council may appoint to the Joint Committee any Councillor who is a member for an electoral division which is wholly or partly contained within the area.

- 2.3.3 In both cases the political balance requirements do not apply to such appointments.

- 2.4 The Council may establish a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee where the subject of the Joint Committee relates to the attainment of any local improvement target set out in the Local Area Agreement or relates to a matter of health service variation that impacts upon the communities of the local authority concerned.

- 2.5 The Joint Committee will be constituted from elected representatives from the local authorities concerned. For a crime and disorder issue the Police Authority and Chief Officer of Police would be accountable to a crime and disorder committee rather than a Joint Committee.

- 2.6 Agreement to instigating or participating in an Overview and Scrutiny Joint Committee will be made through discussion with the relevant Scrutiny Chair and Vice Chair and the Director of Law and Democracy. Where the investigation

relates to a Local Area Agreement target the Strategic Board will be notified in advance of the commencement of the Joint Committee.

3. Access to Information

- 3.1 The Access to Information Rules in Section 12 of this Constitution apply.
- 3.2 If all the members of a Joint Committee are members of the Cabinet or Executive in each of the participating authorities then its access to information regime is the same as that applied to the Cabinet.
- 3.3 If the Joint Committee contains members who are not on the Cabinet or Executive of any participating authority then the access to information rules in Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 will apply.

4. Delegation to and from other local authorities

- 4.1 A Committee responsible for a non-executive function may delegate it to another local authority or, in certain circumstances, the Executive of another local authority.
- 4.2 The Cabinet may delegate executive functions to another local authority or the Executive of another local authority in certain circumstances.
- 4.3 The decision whether or not to accept such a delegation from another local authority shall be reserved to the Cabinet or the Committee by which the functions in question would be exercised on behalf of the Council.

5. Current Joint Arrangements with Delegated Powers

- 5.1 The County Council currently has the following joint arrangements in place which exercise delegated powers.

5.2 *Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Archives Committee*

Membership	2 County Council (Members of the County Council's Cabinet) with substitutes 1 County Council Observer 1 Stoke on Trent City Council (Member of the City Council's Cabinet)
Terms of Reference	To deal with all matters pertaining to archives and archive services in the County and the City of Stoke-on-Trent.
Delegated Powers	To act within the Joint Committee's terms of reference.

5.3 *Wedgwood Memorial College Joint Management Committee*

Membership	2 County Council (Members of the County Council's Cabinet) 1 Stoke-on-Trent City Council (An officer of the City Council appointed by the City Council's Cabinet)
Advised by:	The Principal The Advisory Committee (A Working Party established by the Joint Committee)

	The County Council's Director of Children's Services (or their nominee) The City Council's Director of Children and Young People's Services (or their nominee)
Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To manage and provide general direction for the College within the budget agreed by the City Council and the County Council and in so doing to ensure that economy efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources is secured. 2. To deal with the education provision (including courses) to be made by the College. 3. To produce a monitoring Report to the City Council and the County Council for each academic term including details of performance against budget within six weeks following the end of each such term. 4. To produce an Annual Report in such form and containing such detail as will allow the City Council and the County Council to review the effectiveness of the Joint Committee and the College. 5. From time to time and at least once in each financial year to consult such organisations and individuals as the Joint Committee deems representative of Adult Education in North Staffordshire and to advise the City Council and County Council on the provision of Adult Education in North Staffordshire. 6. To consult teaching staff at the College regularly about the organisation and regulation of the academic work of the College. 7. To consult teaching and non-teaching staff at the College regularly about the operation of the College. 8. To establish such Sub-Committees Working Parties or Panels and with such Terms of Reference as the Joint Committee consider appropriate. 9. To delegate under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to employees of the City Council or County Council such functions as the Joint Committee shall consider appropriate. 10. To take account of the views of the bodies and individuals listed in Section 2.
Delegated Powers	To act within the Joint Committee's Terms of Reference

5.4 **Staffordshire Connects Joint Committee**

Membership	10 Members (1 County Council, 1 Stoke-on-Trent City Council and one each from Cannock Chase District Council, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Lichfield District Council, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, South Staffordshire District Council, Stafford Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Tamworth Borough Council)
Terms of Reference	To consider the outcome of officer level discussions, made through the Staffordshire Connects Strategic

	Advisory Board, and to lead the process to implementing Electronic Government in Staffordshire
Delegated Powers	To act within the Joint Committee's terms of reference and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement between the partnering authorities establishing the Joint Committee.

5.5 ***Cannock Chase AONB Joint Committee***

Membership	<p>1 County Council (Member of the County Council's Executive); 1 Cannock Chase District Council (Member of its Executive/Cabinet); 1 Lichfield District Council (Member of its Executive/Cabinet); 1 South Staffordshire District Council (Member of its Executive/Cabinet); 1 Stafford Borough Council (Member of its Executive/Cabinet)</p> <p>Each of the constituent authorities will appoint a substitute elected member, who is eligible to be a voting member, to attend meetings of the Joint Committee when the member is unable to attend</p>
Co-opted Advisers (Non-Voting)	<p>Chairman of the AONB Advisory Partnership; AONB Officer; 1 Countryside Agency; 2 Forestry Commission; 1 English Nature</p> <p>Such other co-opted advisers as the Joint Committee may specify having regard to their knowledge and skill and the contribution they may make to the work of the Joint Committee.</p>
Terms of Reference	To act jointly for the purpose of exercising and discharging the functions and attaining and realising the objectives relating to the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement entered into between the partnering authorities establishing the Joint Committees.
Delegated Powers	To act within The Joint Committee's terms of reference.

5.6 ***Joint Staffordshire Parking Board***

Membership	<p>1 County Councillor (The Cabinet Lead Member for Regeneration and Infrastructure with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environment to act as substitute)</p> <p>1 Member from each of Cannock Chase District Council, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Lichfield District Council, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council, South Staffordshire District Council, Stafford Borough Council, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, Tamworth Borough Council</p>
Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt general policies, strategies and guidance for the introduction and on-going operation of DPE in Staffordshire. 2. Adopt key performance measures for use by the

	<p>District/Borough Councils and the County Council to enable best value and best practice to be achieved through target setting and benchmarking.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Set policies and guidance for the implementation of:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Residents' Parking Schemes (within the Residents' Parking Zone Policy); (ii) On-street pay and display and related charges. 4. Set Parking Charge Notice Levels to be applied across Staffordshire in accordance with best practice and be at the maximum level permitted. 5. Provide to each Joint Parking Committee with minutes and reports of the Parking Board. 6. Receive and consider the minutes of each Joint Parking Committee meeting. 7. Where deemed appropriate, respond to consultations relevant to DPE and make representations to government departments and others in respect of DPE issues. 8. Receive and consider performance and financial reports concerning DPE.
Delegated Powers	See Appendix 2 of SCC/District Partnership Agreement for guidance also compare with Waste Board delegations.

5.7 **Joint Appointments Committee re: Staffordshire Police Authority**

Members	4 Members (3 County Council, 1 Stoke-on-Trent City Council).
Terms of Reference	To calculate the overall political balance of the Councillor Members on the Staffordshire Police Authority (nine out of 17) and appoint, annually, individual Councillor Members to the Authority.
Delegated Powers	To act within the Joint Committee's terms of reference.

6. **Current Joint Arrangements without Delegated Powers**

6.1 The County Council currently has the following joint arrangements in place which do not exercise delegated powers.

6.2 **Staffordshire Supporting People Commissioning Body Members' Board**

Membership	<p>1 County Councillor 8 District/Borough Councillors 1 Representative from Strategic Health Authority/Primary Care Trusts 1 Representative from Probation Service</p>
Terms of Reference	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To prepare and agree a supporting people strategy, a programme of work and such other policy documents as may be required by the Secretary of State, or for the purpose of local delivery of the Supporting People programme. 2. To grant a scheme of delegation to the Officers'

	<p>Board to enable officers to make decisions within an agreed policy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. To consider how the documents referred to in (a) affect and are affected by the other statutory and non-statutory plans prepared by the parties. 4. To consider reports and recommendations of the Officers' Board, constituted in accordance with the constitution of the Commissioning Body, in respect of matters considered by the Officers' Board. 5. To deal with any matters referred by the Officers' Board on which they have failed to agree. 6. To agree an annual programme of training, information and consultation to ensure that members of the Commissioning Body have satisfactory knowledge and training and that other persons and bodies affected (including the general public) are adequately informed and consulted.
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6.3 ***JOINT LOCAL PARKING COMMITTEE***

- 6.3.1 There shall be Joint Local Parking Committees formed in East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, South Staffordshire, Stafford, and Staffordshire Moorlands Districts.
- 6.3.2 Each Joint Local Parking Committee shall consist of four local members nominated by the Leader of the Council and Portfolio leader together with substitute members in the event that a member is unable to attend a meeting. The District Council will appoint the same number of members. Members eligible for appointment shall represent an electoral division within each respective District Council Area.
- 6.3.3 The Terms of Reference of each Joint Local Parking Committee is to oversee the local operation of the DPE service in each District area, each Board being administered by the respective District Council.