

## SECTION 10 – JOINT COMMITTEES

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- 10.1 There are a number of circumstances where the Council or the Cabinet is entitled to carry out certain functions jointly with another local authority or with a Local Health Board(s).
- 10.2 The Council and Cabinet in order to promote the economic, social, or environmental wellbeing of its area may:
- 10.2.1 enter into arrangements or agreements with any person or body;
  - 10.2.2 co-operate with, or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of any person or body; and
  - 10.2.3 exercise on behalf of that person or body any functions of that person or body.

### **Joint Arrangements**

- 10.3.1 The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities or a Local Health Board(s) and/or their executives to (a) exercise functions which are not Executive Functions in any of the participating authorities, or (b) advise the Council. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of a joint committee with these other local authorities.
- 10.3.2 The Cabinet may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities or a Local Health Board(s) to exercise functions which are Executive Functions. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of joint committees with these other local authorities or a Local Health Board(s). Except as set out below, or as permitted or required by Law, the Cabinet may only appoint Cabinet Members to such joint committees and those Members need not reflect the political composition of the Council as a whole.
- 10.3.3 The Cabinet may appoint Members to a Joint Committee from outside the Cabinet where the Joint Committee has functions for only part of the area of the Council and that area is smaller than two fifths of that local authority, by area or population. In such cases, the Cabinet may appoint to the Joint Committee any Councillor who is Member for an electoral division contained within the area. Political balance requirements do not apply to such appointments.
- 10.3.4 Details of any joint arrangements including any delegations to joint committees will be found in the Council's scheme of delegations in Section 13 of this Constitution.

### **Access to Information**

- 10.4.1 The Access to Information Rules applying to a Joint Committee will depend upon the terms of reference agreed for the operation of that committee.
- 10.4.2 Where it is agreed that Powys County Council Access to Information Procedure Rules in Section 14 will apply to a Joint Committee, those rules will take effect subject to rules 10.4.3. and 10.4.4. below.
- 10.4.3 If all the Members of a Joint Committee are Members of the Cabinet in each of the participating authorities, then its access to information regime is the same as that applied to the Cabinet.
- 10.4.4 If the Joint Committee contains Members who are not on the Cabinet of any participating authority, then the Access to Information Rules in part VA of the

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Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) will apply. 1

### **Delegation to and from Other Local Authorities**

- 10.5.1 The Council can delegate Non-Executive Functions to another local authority or a Local Health Board(s), and where those functions are the responsibility of the executive of another local authority, to the executive of another local authority.
- 10.5.2 The Cabinet can delegate Executive Functions to another local authority or the executive of another local authority or a Local Health Board(s).
- 10.5.3 The decision whether or not to accept such a delegation from another local authority or a Local Health Board(s) is reserved to the Full Council.

### **Contracting Out**

- 10.6 The Council (in respect of Non-Executive Functions) and the Cabinet (in respect of Executive Functions) may contract out to another body or organisation functions:
  - 10.6.1 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<sup>2</sup>; or
  - 10.6.2 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See Section 14.

<sup>2</sup> Any function of the Council or of an Executive