

## **ARTICLE 10 - JOINT ARRANGEMENTS**

### **10.1 Arrangements to Promote Well Being**

The Council, in order to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of its area, may:

- (a) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person or body;
- (b) co-operate with, or facilitate or co-ordinate the activities of, any person or body; and
- (c) exercise on behalf of that person or body any functions of that person or body

pursuant to the Council's powers under the Local Government Act 2000 (Section 2), the general power of competence and in accordance with statutory guidance for local Councils: power to promote well-being of the area.

### **10.2 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) Details of any joint arrangements, including any delegations to Joint Committees, will be found in the Council's Scheme of Delegation in Part 3 of this Constitution.
- (c) The Council has joint arrangements in place for its Legal Service with Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council and its Building Control Service with Cheltenham Borough Council. The Council's Waste Service is provided by Ubico (a teckal company) which includes Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council Forest of Dean District Council and Stroud District Council.

### **10.3 Access to Information**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution apply.

### **10.4 Delegation to and from other Local Authorities**

- (a) The Council may, by agreement, delegate functions to another local authority or, in certain circumstances, the executive of another local authority and also accept such a delegation from another local authority.
- (b) The decision whether or not to delegate functions to another local authority or to accept such a delegation from another local authority shall be reserved to the Council.

## **10.5 Contracting out**

The Council 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.