

## ARTICLE 10 – AREA COMMITTEES

### AREA COMMITTEES

10.1 The Council will appoint ten Area Committees to serve the inner and outer areas in the North West, North East, East, South and West of the City.

10.2 These provisions do not apply to the City Centre<sup>1</sup>.

### COMPOSITION

10.3 The membership of each Area Committee will comprise all Members who have been elected for Wards wholly within the area determined for the Committee as follows:

Name of Area Committee	Composition
	<i>All Members from the following wards</i>
North West Inner	Weetwood, Kirkstall, Headingley, Hyde Park and Woodhouse
North West Outer	Guiseley and Rawdon, Otley and Yeadon, Adel and Wharfedale, Horsforth
North East Inner	Moortown, Roundhay, Chapel Allerton
North East Outer	Wetherby, Harewood, Alwoodley,
East Inner	Gipton and Harehills, Killingbeck and Seacroft, , Burmantofts and Richmond Hill
East Outer	Garforth and Swillington, Kippax and Methley, Temple Newsam, Cross Gates and Whinmoor
South Inner	Beeston and Holbeck, Middleton Park, City and Hunslet
South Outer	Rothwell, Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley South, Morley North
West Inner	Armley, Bramley and Stanningley
West Outer	Calverley and Farsley, Farnley and Wortley, Pudsey

10.4 Up to 5 co-opted Members may be appointed to each Area Committee.

10.5 A Member of the Executive may serve on an Area Committee if otherwise eligible to do so as a Councillor.

### CHAIR

10.6 ~~Full Council~~ will appoint ~~Area Committee Chairs~~.

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<sup>1</sup> A Map detailing the boundary of the City Centre is appended to this Article

## **ROLE**

10.7 Area Committees will:

- improve, co-ordinate and influence services at a local level;
- act as a focal point for community involvement;
- take locally based decisions that deal with local issues;
- provide for accountability at a local level;
- help Elected Members to listen to and represent their communities;
- help Elected Members to understand the specific needs of the community in their area;
- promote community engagement in the democratic process;
- promote working relationships with Parish and Town Councils; and
- promote the well being of their area.

## **FUNCTIONS**

10.8 The terms of reference for Area Committees are set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

10.9 The Executive shall determine from time to time the executive functions<sup>2</sup> that may be exercised by Area Committees. These functions will be exercisable concurrently by the Executive Board, and in accordance with the Officer Delegation Scheme (executive functions) by Directors

10.10 Area Committees will comply with:

- the Area Committee Procedure Rules<sup>3</sup> and
- all other relevant procedure rules<sup>4</sup>.

## **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

10.11 Area Committees will comply with the Access to Information Procedure Rules<sup>5</sup>.

10.12 Agendas and notices for Area Committee meetings which deal with both Council and executive functions will state clearly which items are which.

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

10.13 A Member of a Scrutiny Board involved in the consideration of a matter at a Scrutiny Board meeting or sub-committee, which relates to a decision made or action taken by an Area Committee of which s/he is also a Member, must regard him or herself as having a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter in accordance with Paragraph 11 of the Members' Code of Conduct.

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<sup>2</sup> Part 3 Sections 3C and 3D of the Constitution provide details of the extent of the delegation determined by the executive.

<sup>3</sup> These are in Part 4 of the Constitution.

<sup>4</sup> These are the Council Procedure Rules, Executive Procedure Rules, Financial Procedure Rules, Contract Procedure Rules and Appointments to Outside Bodies Procedure Rules, in Part 4 of the Constitution.

<sup>5</sup> These are in Part 4 of the Constitution.