

## City Solicitor

1. The City Solicitor is the Monitoring Officer for the Council.

2. The City Solicitor is deputy Electoral Registration Officer<sup>1</sup>.

3. The City Solicitor<sup>2</sup> is authorised to discharge the following Local Choice Functions which have been assigned to full Council (see Part 3 Section 1 of the Constitution):

<u>(a)</u>	<u>To appoint review boards under the Social Security Act 1998<sup>3</sup></u>
<u>(b)</u>	<u>To make arrangements for appeals against exclusion of pupils from maintained Schools</u>
<u>(c)</u>	<u>To make arrangements for appeals regarding school admissions<sup>4</sup></u>
<u>(d)</u>	<u>To make arrangements for appeals by governing bodies<sup>5</sup></u>

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3-4. The City Solicitor<sup>6</sup> is authorised to discharge the following Council (non-executive) functions:

To make standing orders in relation to Access to Information	Section 106 of, and paragraph 42 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972
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### 5. Appointments to Committees Boards and Panels

The City Solicitor is authorised to appoint members to vacancies during the period between the local elections and the Annual Council meeting, in consultation with appropriate whips, in order to secure that meetings necessary to be held during that period can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

<sup>1</sup> The Head of Licensing and Registration is also appointed as deputy Electoral Registration Officer.

<sup>2</sup> The fact that a function has been delegated to the City Solicitor does not require the City Solicitor to give the matter his/her personal attention and the City Solicitor may arrange for such delegation to be exercised by an officer of suitable experience and seniority. However the City Solicitor remains responsible for any decision taken pursuant to such arrangements.

<sup>3</sup> s34 (4) Social Security Act 1998

<sup>4</sup> s94 (1), (1A) and (4) School Standards and Framework Act 1998

<sup>5</sup> s95 (2) School Standards and Framework Act 1998

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