

9. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Purpose

- 9.1 The General Purposes Committee is established by the Council under the Local Government Act 1972 to discharge those functions set out below under the terms of reference and such other of the Council's functions which have not been reserved to the Council as a matter of law, or in accordance with this Constitution, which do not fall within the terms of reference of any other Committee of the Council.
- 9.2 The General Purposes Committee may appoint a sub-committee drawn from its members to discharge any of its functions.
- 9.3 A sub-committee of the General Purposes Committee may exercise all the powers of the General Purposes Committee.
- 9.4 The General Purposes Committee and any sub-committee it appoints shall have regard to the Committee Procedure Rules set out above under Section 2 and all other applicable rules set out under this Constitution.
- 9.5 The membership, chair and quorum requirements for the General Purposes Committee are as set out below in the table below.

Membership, Chair and Quorum

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| Number of Members | 9 |
| Substitute Members Permitted | Yes, subject to completing any required training |
| Political Proportionality Rules Apply | Yes |
| Restrictions on Membership | The Mayor and Cabinet Members may not be members of the General Purposes Committee Members and substitutes must complete such training as required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to appointment; • After any period of absence; and, • At least once in each municipal year |
| Restrictions on Chair and Vice Chair | Must be a Member of the Committee (not a substitute) |
| Quorum for Meetings | ¼ of total membership subject to a minimum of 3 members |

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| Number of ordinary Meetings Per Council Year | Four per municipal year Additional meetings may be scheduled as required |
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Terms of Reference

General Functions

- 9.6 Such of the Council's functions which are not reserved to the Council under the law or in accordance with this Constitution which do not fall within the terms of reference of any other Committee of the Council.

Common Land etc and Byelaws

- 9.7 Functions relating to common land or town or village greens, except where the power is exercisable solely for the purpose of giving effect to:
- (a) An exchange of lands effected by an order under section 19(3) of, or paragraph 6(4) of Schedule 3 to, the Acquisition of Land Act 1981; or
 - (b) An order under section 147 of the Inclosure Act 1845 (power to register variation of rights of common).
- 9.8 Recommending to Council the making, amendment, revocation, re-enactment or enforcement of a byelaw.

Rights of Way

- 9.9 To exercise power to require information as to interests in land.
- 9.10 To exercise power to create footpaths and bridleways.
- 9.11 To exercise power to stop up footpaths and bridleways.
- 9.12 To exercise power to divert footpaths and bridleways.
- 9.13 To discharge the duty to assert and protect the rights of the public to use and enjoy the highways.
- 9.14 To discharge duty to keep a definitive map and statement under review.
- 9.15 To discharge duty to reclassify roads used as public paths.
- 9.16 To exercise power to authorise creation of stiles etc. on footpaths or bridleways.
- 9.17 To exercise powers relating to the removal of things so deposited on highways as to be a nuisance.

Elections

- 9.18 All functions relating to elections, electoral arrangements, the name of the Council and the areas within the administrative area of the Council and any relevant issues

referred by the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), Monitoring Officer, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Internal Auditor.

Awards

- 9.19 Considering and determining nominations of honorary titles and awards introduced by the Council from time to time.