

## **Local Area Committees**

### **Terms of Reference**

The following shall comprise the areas of responsibility of the Local Area Committees. Local Area Committees may not undertake any matter which forms part of the remit of any Council Board:

#### **A. Remit**

1. To promote the well-being of the area and ensure that services meet the needs of the residents of that area by
  - Promoting active citizenship
  - Advancing the well-being of the area and its communities by shaping services around the needs of residents
  - Promoting enhanced coordination and scrutiny of public services at a local level
  - Funding local projects and distributing grants from delegated area budgets.
2. To monitor how the Council and other public sector services are delivered and developed within the Local Area Committee boundary.
3. To ensure that the delivery of Council services and the use of its resources reflect the policies and priorities of the Council.

#### **B. General Delegations in relation to matters relevant to the Local Area Committee's remit**

4. To appoint members or representatives of the Local Area Committee, when invited to do so, to local organisations and groups.
5. To appoint representatives to the Local Area Committees.
6. To carry out other functions as may be determined from time to time by the Council.

#### **C. Specific Delegations**

7. To maintain strong links with community and voluntary organisations and community planning structures.
8. To maintain an overview of local partnership arrangements and activities in ensuring that there is consistency.

9. To ensure that the Council, partner agencies, other public sector agencies and the local community work together as necessary to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local issues and to adopt an effective common response to local issues where appropriate.
10. To work with partner agencies to promote the Council's (and its partners') corporate plans and to ensure that these are implemented appropriately at a local level.
11. To support local initiatives which are consistent with Council policy and community planning objectives, within the Local Area Committee's financial allocations either within or outwith the Local Area Committee boundary.
12. To determine applications for funding in line with their objectives and terms and conditions of grant and reflecting the policies and priorities of the Council from:
  - (a) the Council's area budgets, and other devolved funds; and
  - (b) the Common Good Funds allocated to the relevant Local Area Committee in terms of legislation. (This does not apply to the Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee.)
13. To fund and promote local projects which meet the necessary terms and conditions attached to the relevant funding streams.
14. To approve revenue costs annually arising from new projects and from those approved previously by the former Local Grant Committees, former Local Area Committees and former Local Grant Boards.
15. To allow for consultation with communities regarding community planning priorities within the local area committee boundary and to provide a forum for community planning partners to report back on progress against planned activity.
16. To assist in the development and monitoring of local community planning priorities by providing an opportunity for engagement with the community.
17. To be consulted by the Council and policy boards regarding the local implementation of policy developments and service delivery, excluding any matter of a judicial or quasi judicial nature.
18. To be consulted on capital and revenue expenditure which is targeted by the Council within the Local Area Committee boundary.
19. To provide a focus for community participation in the process of Council decision making and a vehicle for liaison between the wider community and Council services.
20. To be consulted on any review of the Scheme of Community Councils.