

Joint Arrangements

Arrangements to promote wellbeing

The Council, in order to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being 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

Joint arrangements

- (a) The Full Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities and / or their executives to exercise functions that are not executive functions in any of the participating authorities or advise the Full Council. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of a joint committee with these other local authorities.
- (b) The Executive may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities to exercise functions that are executive functions. Such arrangements may involve the appointment of joint committees with these other local authorities.

Delegation to and from other local authorities

- (a) The Council may delegate some functions to another local authority or, in certain circumstances, the executive of another local authority.
- (b) the decision whether or not to accept such service delegations from another local authority is reserved to the Council meeting.

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.

The Council has established joint arrangements in respect of the following:

Joint Committees

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Panel

The Police and Crime Panel is a statutory joint partnership and scrutiny body that supports and scrutinises the decisions and activities of the Avon and Somerset

Police and Crime Commissioner and promotes openness in the transaction of Police business in the Avon and Somerset force area.

The Terms of Reference and Operating Arrangements can be found here <http://www.avonandsomersetpoliceandcrimepanel.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Panel-Operating-Arrangements-31.03.21.docx> and the Rules of Procedure here <http://www.avonandsomersetpoliceandcrimepanel.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Rules-of-Procedure-31.03.21.docx>

Five Councils Partnership Corporate Services Joint Committee

Somerset Council shares some services with South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, Hart District Council and Havant Borough Council. The Councils have formed a Joint Committee to carry out the strategic, financial and operational functions delegated to it by the Five Councils Partnership authorities. The Terms of Reference can be found here

Heart of the South West Joint Committee

The Heart of the South West ('HotSW') Joint Committee is a Joint Committee of local authorities that comprise the HotSW area. The key purpose of the Joint Committee is to be the vehicle through which the HotSW partners will ensure that the desired increase in productivity across the area is achieved. The Terms of Reference can be found here <http://www.hotswjointcommittee.org.uk/panels-key-roles-and-responsibilities/>

Heart of the South West LEP Joint Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Scrutiny Committee provides strategic overview and Scrutiny of the activities of the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) The Terms of Reference can be found here <https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=456>

Integrated Care Partnership

Integrated Care Boards and all upper-tier local authorities that fall within the area of the Integrated Care Boards must establish an Integrated Care Partnership. For Somerset, the Integrated Care Partnership is established jointly by the Integrated Care Board and Somerset Council. The Terms of Reference of the Integrated Care Partnership can be found here: <https://somersetcc.sharepoint.com/sites/SCCPublic/Council%20Democracy/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FSCCPublic%2FCouncil%20Democracy%2FIntegrated%20Care%20Partnership%20%2D%20Terms%20of%20Reference%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FSCCPublic%2FCouncil%20Democracy&p=true&ga=1>

Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Joint Committee

The Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery Committee has been appointed to consider the operations of the Yeovil Crematorium and Yeovil Cemetery and make recommendations to the appropriate member authorities. The Terms of Reference can be found here. <https://www.yeovil.gov.uk/userfiles/files/Agenda130722.pdf>

Other Joint Arrangements

Somerset Rivers Authority

The Somerset Rivers Authority is a partnership between Somerset Council, the Parrett and the Axe Brue Internal Drainage Boards, the Environment Agency, Natural England and Wessex Regional Flood & Coastal Committee. The SRA (Somerset Rivers Authority) oversees the Flood Action Plan for the whole of Somerset and funds works that meet Flood Action Plan objectives. The Terms of Reference and Constitution can be found here

<https://www.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/ITEM-5-2022-23-SRA-Local-Memorandum-of-Understanding-and-Constitution-4-March-2022.pdf>

Joint Scrutiny Panel – Somerset Rivers Authority

The Joint Scrutiny Panel's purpose is to examine the activities of Somerset Rivers Authority and provide assurance to the SRA's constituent councils and partners that it is operating effectively. The Terms of Reference can be found here [SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel meetings and papers - Somerset Rivers Authority](#)

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

The Somerset Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education is a statutory body set up and supported by Somerset Council to help monitor the standards, quality of teaching and provision for RE in local schools; the effectiveness of the locally Agreed Syllabus for RE; and the provision and quality of collective worship in local schools. Its Terms of Refence can be found here <http://www.amvsomerset.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SACRE-Constitution-2011.doc>