

## **Article 9 - Joint Arrangements**

### **9.1 Arrangements to promote well being**

In order to promote the economic, social or environmental well-being of Spelthorne, the Council may:

- (a) enter into arrangements or agreements with any person or body;
- (b) co-operate with, 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.

### **9.2 Joint arrangements**

- (a) **The Council may establish joint arrangements with one or more local authorities to exercise functions.** Such arrangements may involve the appointment of a joint committee with these other local authorities.

### **9.3 Appointments to a Joint Committee**

- (a) The Council may appoint members to a joint committee and those members need not reflect the political composition of the Council as a whole where such joint committee was established under the Local Government Act 1972.
  
- (b) Details of any joint arrangements which have been made, including any delegations to joint committees, are in the Council's scheme of delegations in Part 3 of this Constitution.

### **9.4 Access to information**

The Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution apply (Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 refers).

### **9.5 Delegation to and from other local authorities**

- (a) The Council may delegate functions to another local authority
- (b) The decision whether or not to accept such a delegation from another local authority shall be reserved to the Council.

### **9.6 Contracting out**

Provided there is no delegation of the Council's discretionary decision making, the Council may contract out to another body or organisation, functions:-

- which may be exercised by a staff member 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.