

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.