

# Article 10

## Area Forums or Area Committees and Harrow Partnership Bodies

### Introduction

**This Article sets out the arrangements for area based meetings, consultative bodies and the arrangements for the Harrow Partnership**

#### 10.01 Area Forums or Area Committees

The Council may appoint Area Forums or Area Committees.

The membership of any Forum or Committee shall be drawn from the Members for the electoral wards of the Borough covered by that Forum or Committee.

The terms of reference for any Forums shall be as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution as agreed by the Council.

The Council may delegate to Area Committees powers relating to functions reserved to the Council and the Executive may also delegate powers relating to Executive functions. The terms of reference for any Area Committees and all delegations and any limitations and conditions to which those delegations are subject will also be set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.

#### 10.02 Partnership Bodies

##### Harrow Strategic partnership

The HSP is a Local Strategic Partnership. Local Strategic Partnerships bring together the local authority, the Primary Care Trust, the local Police, business interests, the voluntary and community sector and other local interests to develop a long-term vision to improve the quality of life and services in the local area. This long-term vision is the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). The LSP also delivers the improvements in the local area agreement (LAA).

The HSP is an independent body although the Government expects the Council to take the lead in convening and supporting it. The HSP is responsible for deciding its own structures, decision-making arrangements and priorities. It must, however, keep the Sustainable Community Plan or Strategy updated and makes arrangements for delivering the range of targets included in the local area agreement made with Government. The Council acts as the legal and financial accountable body for the HSP.

Decisions and agreements made by the HSP are not binding on the Council or other partners unless and until they are ratified by Council or partners as appropriate. However, where the scope of the decision or agreement falls within the powers delegated to the Portfolio Holders representing the Council on the HSP, then their agreement to such a decision or agreement constitutes the Council's approval of the decision or agreement.