

Article 10 – Area Committees

10.01 Membership, role and functions of Area Committees

Table and Membership of Area Committees. The Council may appoint the Area Committees set out in the first column of the table below, composed and covering the Wards set out in the second column of this table, with the executive and consultative/advisors powers and functions set out in paragraphs 10.06 – 10.17.

Area Committee	Membership
Northern	12 Members (plus up to 3 co-optees from Parish Councils) All Ward Councillors for the following Wards: Danby, Esk Valley, Fylingdales, Mayfield, Mulgrave, Streonshalh and Whitby West Cliff
Central Rural	10 Members (plus up to 3 co-optees from Parish Councils) All Ward Councillors for the following Wards: Derwent Valley, Lindhead, Newby, Scalby Hackness & Staintondale and Seamer
Central Urban	18 Members (plus up to 3 co-optees from Parish Councils) All Ward Councillors for the following Wards: Castle, Central, Falsgrave Park, North Bay, Northstead, Ramshill, Stepney, Weaponness and Woodlands
Southern	10 Members (plus up to 3 co-optees from Parish Councils) All Ward Councillors for the following Wards: Cayton, Eastfield, Filey and Hertford

10.02 The Council may, at its absolute discretion, allocate to each Area Committee an annual budget to be spent on such executive functions as the Area Committee, in the interests of the inhabitants of its area, considers desirable but subject to the following provisions.

10.03 The Executive may at any time and at its absolute discretion determine to exercise or withdraw any executive function from each or any Area Committee to ensure that a decision upon a matter is not subject to unreasonable delay.

10.04 Each Committee may consider applications for grant funding at a maximum of two meetings each year.

10.05 Each Committee may from time to time determine to co-opt up to a maximum of 3 non-voting Members from Parish Councils to assist with its work programme

10.06 Executive Functions

10.07 Subject to the Executive making no decision to the contrary, each Area Committee may exercise executive functions up to the limits of an annual budget provided that the exercise of such functions is within the policy framework of the Council and does not prejudice, interfere or conflict with the exercise of similar functions either by the Cabinet or by a Parish Council within the area acting under the provisions of a model agreement between the Council and the Parish Council.

- 10.08 To promote in their areas the development of work in partnership with others and in particular Area Forums of the Local Strategic Partnership and Parish Councils, in furtherance of the Council's duty to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area.
- 10.09 To use its annual budget and any further funds devolved to a Committee to fund any activity or purpose upon which the Council is legally entitled to incur expenditure provided that the exercise of such functions is within the policy framework of the Council and does not prejudice, interfere or conflict with the exercise of similar functions either by the Cabinet or by a Parish Council within the area acting under the provisions of a model agreement between the Council and the Parish Council (subject to such conditions in relation to financial commitments, budgetary control and accounting arrangements as the Council's Chief Financial Officer (the s151 officer) may agree)
- 10.10 To have regard to the Community Strategy for their area when considering local spending decisions
- 10.11 To exercise, within the approved budget and policy framework, the following powers:
- (a) the consent of the Council to dispersal orders pursuant to s30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003

10.12 To consider:

- (a) Requests by individual members of the Council to respond to Calls for Action, or undertake a review where a referral has been made to an Area Committee by the Scrutiny Manager, providing that the request for a review is not amount to a request for a review of a Cabinet decision

10.13 Consultative and Advisory Role

- 10.14 To maintain an overview of the effectiveness of the public services provided to the local community by the Council and other agencies and to advocate the interests of their community in relation to those services.
- 10.15 To request and/or receive reports in relation to service developments affecting their area, with power to make representations thereon to the decision making body.
- 10.16 To respond to consultations from the Cabinet or any Committee or Sub-Committee on proposed service charges, quality standards, new facilities, best value reviews or on any other matter.
- 10.17 To consider other matters referred to it by the Council, the Executive or overview and scrutiny committees

10.18 Proceedings of Area Committees

Area Committees will conduct their proceedings in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules, where applicable, and with the Additional Area Committee Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

10.19 Subject to the Additional Area Committee Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution all members of the public resident within the area covered by an Area Committee and all public, private and voluntary organisations operating within such an area, are entitled to attend and speak, and, with the consent of the Chairman, to participate in consensus.

10.20 Area Committees – Access to Information

Area Committees will comply with the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Agendas and notices for Area Committee meetings which deal with both functions of the Cabinet and functions which are not the responsibility of the Cabinet will state clearly which items are which.

10.21 Cabinet Members on Area Committees

A Member of the Cabinet may serve on an Area Committee if otherwise eligible to do so as a Councillor.