

Applicable to all Committees of the Council

(a) The Council had delegated to every committee of the Council full powers to act in all matters covered by the committee's Terms of Reference subject to:

(i) the provisions of any Standing Order or Financial Regulation for the time being in force, except where such Order or Regulation has been specifically waived by resolution of the Council.

(ii) prior Council approval of annual capital and revenue estimates

(iii) any scheme requiring application for consent to borrow having first been approved by Council, and loan sanction secured.

(iv) when matters of major policy are involved, the existence of a policy approved by the Council. In the absence of such policy, Committees and Sub-committees may consider the matter and make recommendations to the Council.

Major policy will arise either:

(a) on matters of major importance which have not previously been before the Council; or

(b) matters which have arisen in other Committees or Sub-committees but which cannot be resolved by them in the absence of settled Council policy; or

(c) in cases of doubt where a major policy is involved, the Chairman of the Council or the Chairman of any other Committee or Sub-committee, or in their absence the appropriate Vice-Chairman may, before a decision is taken by the committee or sub-committee, state that a matter of major policy is involved.

(v) prior Council approval to recommendations for the allocation of duties, powers and guidelines to committees.

(vi) The following matters are reserved to the Council

- the making of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- the appointment of representatives to outside bodies.
- the making of bye-laws.
- the dismissal of officers.
- the overall review of rents and charges.

- to order, regulate and generally supervise the Council's finances within the general financial policy of the Council which shall be expressed in the Annual Budget.
- approval of Final Accounts.

(b) the exercise by committees of the above powers shall be without derogation to the powers of the Council to call for a report on any committee decision.

(c) every committee shall have power to authorise an officer, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to take decisions on specific urgent matters falling within its own Terms of Reference as it sees fit.

(d) Notwithstanding the powers delegated to committees, the Council retain the right to exercise such powers when necessary.