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APPENDIX B

ARTICLE 6 – THE DECISION REVIEW PROCESS AND STATUTORY SCRUTINY FUNCTION

6.01 Decision Review

The decision-making powers of each committee are specified in their terms of reference in Part 3B, Responsibility for Functions: Committees of Council.

In the case of decisions made by one of the five <u>Policy and sService</u> e<u>Committees</u> (Adults and Wellbeing; Children and Young People; <u>Economy and Environment and Economy</u>; Health, and Highways and Community Infrastructure); <u>by the General Purposes Committee*</u>; by <u>area</u> joint <u>area</u> committees, and under joint arrangements (the Local Government Shared Services Joint Committee) there is <u>additionally</u> a process by which particularly controversial decisions may be reviewed by <u>the General Purposes Committee*</u> or the Full Council <u>which shall be know as Decision Review</u>. <u>However, this review process is only available where one of the following sets of conditions is satisfied:</u>

(*The General Purposes Committee may not review its own decisions and these may only be subject to review by Full Council)

- 1. Where eight or more Councillors of the Council, before the end of within three_working days of the day on which the decision statement was published, submit a written request to the Monitoring Officer that the decision be reviewed, the request shall be referred to the General Purposes Committee for consideration. The General Purposes Committee will either decide that the decision is so controversial that it should be referred to Full Council for review, or will determine the review itself.
- 2. Where more than a third of the total number of serving Councillors of the Council, within three working days of the day on which the decision was published, submit a written request to the Monitoring Officer that the decision be reviewed by Full Council, then the Monitoring Officer shall refer the decision for review by Full Council.

Where a decision is made by a service committee, an area committee, or under joint arrangements, that decision shall be published, usually within two working days of being made.

The full procedure for review of a decision decision review procedure is set out in Part 4.5, Rules of Procedure: Decision Review Procedure Rules.



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6.02 The Council's Statutory Scrutiny Function

There is a statutory requirement for Council to make arrangements for scrutiny of certain matters, as specified in the following legislation:

Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/218).

These powers shall be exercised by the Health Committee.

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

These functions shall be exercised by the Economy and Environment Committee.