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**Protocol for Decision Making Regarding Matters within the Ambit of the  
LGSS Joint Committee**

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1. This Protocol concerns the LGSS Joint Committee and describes the agreed process by which decisions, relating to matters within the ambit of the LGSS Joint Committee, shall be made.
2. The signatories to this protocol are the Founding Councils, Northamptonshire County Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, who hereby agree to act in accordance with the requirements set out below.
3. The effect of the protocol is limited to decisions which fall within the remit of the LGSS Joint Committee relating to the operation and management of the LGSS joint arrangements.
4. Where either, or both, of the Founding Councils is considering making a decision which would impact directly upon the operation of LGSS, before making a final decision, the views of the LGSS Joint Committee shall be obtained formally, by the submission of a report for consideration by the Committee.

Signed:

Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council

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Leader of Northamptonshire County Council