

Article 9 – Advisory Process

9.01 Introduction

The Council maintains a number of advisory groups and participates in advisory groups arranged by or with other authorities.

9.02 County Advisory Groups

The Council may establish one or more County Advisory Groups (CAGs). The main purpose of CAGs will be to provide a forum to develop links with other agencies and to give a focus for specialist services. Examples of CAGs include those covering such topics as archives and county museums. The Council's representation will be determined taking into account the particular nature of each CAG.

The Council's involvement in and representation on CAGs will be determined by the Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee. The Strategy, Resources and Performance Committee may add to, delete, or vary any of these advisory groups, or change their composition or terms of reference.

A list of the existing CAGs is set out below. The Democratic Services Manager shall maintain a schedule of the CAGs in which the Council is involved, and details of its representation. This schedule shall be published on the Council's website.

- (a) County Advisory Group on Archives and Local Studies; and
- (b) Local Councils Liaison Committee.

9.03 Cambridgeshire Public Service Board

The Cambridgeshire Public Service Board provides a key role in developing integrated approaches to local service delivery and tackling the County's most challenging problems. The Board is made up of the chief executives of the County Council, the five district councils and Peterborough City Council; the Chief Constable; the Chief Fire Officer; and the Chief Executive Officer of the Integrated Care Board. Democratic accountability is maintained by reporting to councils and non-executive boards.

9.04 Appointments to Outside Bodies

The Council is represented on a wide range of outside bodies. Appointments to outside bodies are the responsibility of Full Council, but this responsibility may be delegated to the Policy and Service Committees and the Chief Executive.

Full Council shall appoint to:

- (a) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
- (b) Greater Cambridge Partnership
- (c) Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority
- (d) County Councils Network Council
- (e) Local Government Association.

The Policy and Service Committees shall appoint to all other bodies, including, for example, flood defence committees and recreation centre management committees.

The Council or the Policy and Service Committees, as appropriate, may decide not to make any appointment to an outside body. They may also delegate this responsibility to the lead officer in consultation with the committee chair (or, in their absence, the vice-chair).

The Democratic Services Manager shall maintain a schedule of the outside bodies on which the Council is represented, and details of its representation. This schedule shall be published on the Council's website.

9.05 Political Balance in Appointments to the Advisory Process

Unless stated otherwise political balance shall be taken into account when considering the composition of, and appointments to, all groups and bodies to which this article applies in accordance with any relevant statutory requirements.