



1. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Membership

Fifteen members of the Council. Subject to proportionality, the Committee shall include the Chairman/woman of the Adults Committee, the Children and Young People Committee, the Economy and Environment Committee, the Health Committee, the Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, the Commercial and Investment Committee, and the Communities and Partnership Committee. The Chairman/woman and Vice-Chairman/woman of the General Purposes Committee shall be appointed by Full Council and shall be, ex officio, the Council Leader and Deputy Council Leader.

Summary of Functions

The General Purposes Committee (GPC) is authorised by Full Council to co-ordinate the development and recommendation to Full Council of the Budget and Policy Framework, as described in Article 4 of the Constitution, including in-year adjustments.

In addition, the GPC is authorised to make decisions on the allocation of matters amongst committees where the function does not clearly fall within the remit of one particular committee.

The GPC has a number of specific functions including the following:

- Appointing members to a range of external bodies
- Oversight of 'corporate' or council-wide matters such as customer services unless reserved to Full Council.

Delegated Authority	Delegation/ Condition
In respect of the statutory and local plans, which form the Council's Policy Framework, authority to lead the development of draft proposals, consider and recommend them for approval by Full Council	In consultation with relevant Service Committees
Authority to lead the development of the Council's draft Business Plan (budget), to consider responses to consultation on it, and recommend a final draft for approval by Full Council	In consultation with relevant Service Committees
Authority to recommend cross-cutting policies for approval by Full Council, e.g. the policy on Disclosure and Barring Service checks for councillors	
Authority for eight members of General Purposes Committee to initiate a review of a decision taken by a Policy and Service Committee by submitting a request for review to the Monitoring Officer or Chief Executive before the expiry of three full working days from the date on which the decision notice was published.	



Delegated Authority	Delegation/ Condition
Authority to determine an appeal against any decision by or on behalf of the Authority except for those appeals whose determination falls with the remit of another committee, officer or panel of the Council.	
Authority to nominate representatives to Outside Bodies other than the Combined Authority, Greater Cambridge Partnership, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority, the County Councils Network Council and the Local Government Association	
Authority to determine the Council's involvement in and representation on County Advisory Groups. The Committee may add to, delete or vary any of these advisory groups, or change their composition or terms of reference	
Authority to review annual reports and inspection reports not within the remit of another committee	
Authority for monitoring and ensuring that Policy and Service Committees and the Cambridge City Joint Area Committee operate within the policy direction of the County Council and making any appropriate recommendations	
Authority for monitoring and reviewing the overall performance of the Council against its Business Plan	
Authority to determine the most appropriate committee for considering any matter which falls within the remit of more than one committee	
Authority to respond to any consultations within the remit of more than one committee as and when required	
Authority for managing those functions relating to elections and local democracy which are not reserved to Full Council	
<p>Authority for oversight, operation and review of 'corporate' services, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Council's internal and external communications policy and its implementation • Information Governance including but not limited to Data Protection and Freedom of Information • the Council's customer strategy and any matters dealt with by the Contact Centre, via digital channels or face-to-face • the Council's response to its equalities duties • the Council's Risk Management Strategy 	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">the Council's Emergency Planning arrangements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Authorising budget virement which is not covered within the limits of virement contained in the Council's financial rules, provided there is no change in the approved policy framework of the Council. Virement limits are set out in the Constitution in Part 3D (Scheme of Delegation to Officers) and Part 4 (Financial and Contract Procedure Rules)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Authorising proposals which are not covered by the finance limits of the Executive and Corporate Directors' delegated powers contained in A3 – A7, as set out in the table at Paragraph 10 of Part 3D of the Constitution, provided there is no change in the Council's approved budget and policy framework	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Responsibility for the discharge of all functions and exercise of all powers of the County Council not expressly reserved to the Full Council or to any other part of the County Council by statute or by this Constitution	



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Part 3B - Responsibility for Functions

Committees of Council

General Purposes Committee