

Article 7 Committees, Sub-Committees, Area Committees and Forums and the Local Strategic Partnership

7.01 Committees

The Council will appoint the committees set out in the tables under Responsibility for Council Functions in Part 3 of this Constitution to discharge the functions described in those tables..

Sub-Committees and panels

- 7.02 Following the Annual Meeting of the Council, standing committees shall appoint:
- 7.02.1 sub-committees and/or panels and, if appropriate, agree their terms of reference
 - 7.02.2 a Chairman and, if considered necessary, a Vice-Chairman and substitute members
- 7.03 The standing Sub-Committees which are set out in the table Responsibility for Council Functions in Part 3 of this Constitution to discharge the functions described in that table shall be appointed annually by a Special Joint Meeting of the parent Committees concerned, which will meet immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Additional Sub-Committees and Panels

- 7.04 Any Committee appointed by the Council may at any time appoint additional sub-committees and panels throughout the year. Such bodies' terms of reference and the delegation of powers to them shall be explicit and within the appointing committee's terms of reference. Area Planning Sub-Committee members can be appointed by members of the Planning Committee at Full Council.
- 7.05 A member of an additional sub-committee or panel must be a member of the sub-committee appointing it.

Appointment of Members to Committees, Sub-Committees and Panels

7.06 The Council (in the case of Standing Committees) or the parent committee (in the case of Sub-Committees or Panels) will appoint the members to serve on the Committee, Sub-Committee or Panel subject to the right of a political group within the meaning of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and any regulations made under that Act to make nominations for those appointments at the meeting that makes the appointments before the appointments are made.

Area Committees and Forums and Local Strategic Partnerships

7.07 Area Committees and Forums

The Council may appoint Area Committees and Forums as it sees fit, if it is satisfied that to do so will ensure improved service delivery in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making.

7.08 Form, composition and function

A table setting out the form, composition and function of Area Committees and Forums can be found in the Responsibility for Functions in Part 3.

7.09 Local Strategic Partnership

A Local Strategic Partnership is a non-statutory body which brings together the key public, private and voluntary organisations within the borough to identify and articulate the needs and aspirations of Barnet's local communities and to provide a forum to assist the Council by collectively reviewing and steering public resources, through identifying priorities in Sustainable Community strategies. In Barnet the functions of a Local Strategic Partnership are discharged by the Barnet Partnership Board. Details of its form, composition and functions are set out in the Responsibility for Functions in Part 3.