

## Article 17 - Finance, contracts and legal matters

### **17.01 Financial management**

The management of the Council's financial affairs will be conducted in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

### **17.02 Contracts**

Every contract made by the Council will comply with the Contracts Procedure Rules (Standing Orders relating to Contracts) set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

### **17.03 Legal proceedings**

The Chief Executive, or other person authorised by him/her, is authorised to institute, defend or participate in any legal proceedings in any case where such action is necessary to give effect to decisions of the Council or in any case where the Legal Services Manager considers that such action is necessary to protect the Council's interests.

### **17.04 Authentication of documents**

Where any document is necessary to any legal procedure or proceedings on behalf of the Council, it will be signed by the Chief Executive or other person authorised by him/her, unless any enactment otherwise authorises or requires, or the Council has given requisite authority to, some other person.

### **17.05 Common Seal of the Council**

The Common Seal of the Council will be kept in a safe place in the custody of the Chief Executive or Legal Services Manager. A decision of the Council, or of any part of it, will be sufficient authority for sealing any documentation necessary to give effect to the decision. The Common Seal will be affixed to those documents which in the opinion of the Legal Services Manager should be sealed. The affixing of the Common Seal will be attested by the Chief Executive or some other person authorised by him/her.