

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Emergency Committee is not a Standing Committee but may be called upon by the Chief Executive to respond to peacetime emergency situations and to make democratically accountable decisions in the public interest.

The Committee takes its powers from Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and shall be comprised of x members based on the principles of political proportionality.

The purpose of the Committee is to enable urgent decision making on matters not explicitly reserved to the Council so that the District Council may respond in an emergency situation:-

- To approve new or amended policy necessary to respond to the emergency situation
- To approve departure from existing policy and practice
- To approve the virement of approved budgets and authorise the treatment of reserves and balances
- To approve amendments to the Capital Programme
- To make any decision delegated to the two policy committees until such time as normal business is resumed
- To delegate decision making to officers on the Council's full range of responsibility when required