

## **Article 10 Area Committees and Forums**

### **10.1 AREA COMMITTEES**

- 10.1 Area committees are an integral part of the political structure of the County Council. They comprise all county councillors for a specific geographic area. They met on a regular basis and nominated members of town and community councils are invited to serve on Area Committees as non-voting members. Each area Committee will develop and maintain a Forward Work Programme
- 10.2 Area Committees provide the opportunity to bring a local dimension to the work of the County Council, contribute to the community leadership role of county councillors and to reflect back local priorities to the County Council
- 10.3 The terms of reference of Area Committees are as follows

### **10.2 DECISION MAKING POWERS**

- i. The allocation of locality budgets in accord with agreed guidance.\*
- ii. The allocation of community chest and the management of non-strategic aspects of the community chest programme.\*
- iii. Street naming subject to the requirements of the welsh language scheme
- iv. Tree preservation orders
- v. Road traffic orders (with the exception of those relating to off street parking)\*
- vi. Stopping-up orders, side roads orders, public rights of way orders, highway adoptions.

N.B

- (i) indicates an executive board function delegated to the Area Committees power
- (ii) Matters falling under Items (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) will be dealt with generally on the basis that they will be delegated to the appropriate officer in consultation with the local members except where there are public objections in which case they will be submitted to the Area Committee for determination.
- (iii) Hedgerow Removal Notices subject to the term of reference of the Planning Committee.

### **10.3 MONITORING POWERS**

- i. To actively examine the effectiveness of key area based performance indicators and operational services in their areas in line with established protocols.
- ii. With (i) above to contribute to the on-going development of area based performance indicators.
- iii. In line with (i) and (ii) above to make recommendations for improvements, and ask for reports on perceived deficiencies and how they could be remedied in line with agreed protocols..
- iv. To respond to requests from Scrutiny Committees with respect to providing a local perspective to Wales Programme for Improvement/Best Value Service Reviews as appropriate.
- v. To monitor implementation of Corporate and Service Policies with a local element such as Community Safety/Crime & Disorder, LA21, Waste management, Unitary

- Development Plan (UDP) etc.
- vi. With respect to (v) the above to actively contribute to the Community Safety Local Implementation Groups (LIGs) identifying local community safety issues in partnership and progressing action plans.

#### **10.4 REPRESENTATIVE FUNCTIONS**

- i. To represent the interests of the area to the Council and the Executive Board via the Executive Board Member for Area Co-ordination and to relay information to and decisions from the central decision making structure.
- ii. To maintain and develop close links with town & community Councils in their area.
- iii. With respect to (ii) to convene annual consultative meetings with town & community councils for the discussion of matters affecting the area or the county as a whole and to ensure that necessary action is taken to process matters identified.
- iv. To establish and maintain close links with the Area Forums and with local community based organisations.

#### **10.5 CONSULTATION**

- i. Managerial decisions not suitable for officer delegation in respect of the performance and provision of local leisure and cultural facilities where these have no strategic implications and where there are no financial/budgetary implications.
- ii. Progress report in respect of implementation of local regeneration programmes. Resource implications would continue to be dealt with by the Executive.
- iii. Proposals for the lease/disposal of land and premises held specifically for industrial development purposes, where this is in accord with corporate policy (NB. Short-term lettings would continue to be dealt with under powers delegated to officers).
- iv. Annual consultation on scheme proposals for the Council's Capital Programme.
- v. To be a forum for consultation with key partners and the public on a range of appropriate matters

#### **10.6 TITLES OF AREA COMMITTEES AND NUMBERS OF MEMBERS**

10.6.1 The 5 Area Committees are:-

- Amman 12 members
- Gwnedraeth 12 members
- Llanelli 23 members
- Taf Myrddin Teifi 18 members
- Tywi Gwili 9 members