

Proper Officer Functions

1. The Council has appointed the following Proper Officers for the purposes of the statutory provisions set out below.
2. In the event of any of the Officers mentioned below being unable to act, or any of their posts being vacant, the Chief Executive or the Director of Law and Governance shall be authorised to act in their absence.
3. Where a specific delegated power has been granted to an Officer in respect of any of the matters referred to below, the specific delegation will take precedent.
4. Until the Council decides otherwise, the Chief Executive is appointed the Proper Officer for the purposes of all statutory provisions, whether existing or future, in respect of any provision where no express Proper Officer appointment has, for the time being, been made.
5. Notwithstanding the above, a proper officer may at any time delegate or authorise other officers to perform the designated duties on his/her behalf.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
4(b)	Authentication of summons to attend a meeting	Chief Executive
83 (1) to (3)	Witness and receipt of declarations of Members' acceptance of office.	Chief Executive
84	Receipt of written notice of Members' resignation of office.	Chief Executive
88(2)	Convening a Council meeting for election to vacant office of Chairman.	Chief Executive
89(1)(b)	Receipt of notice of casual vacancy from two local government electors.	Chief Executive
100B(2)	Exclusion of reports and agendas from public inspection.	Chief Executive
100B(7)(c)	Supply of papers to the press.	Chief Executive
100C(2)	Written summary (minutes) of private committee meeting.	Chief Executive

100D(1)	Compilation of background papers.	Chief Executive
100D(5)(a)	Identification of background papers	Chief Executive
100F(2)	Identification of documents containing exempt information not open to Members.	Chief Executive
115(2)	Receipt of money and property from officers.	Director of Corporate Resources
146(1)	Declarations and certificates with regard to securities.	Director of Law and Governance
191(2)	Functions in respect of Ordnance Survey.	Chief Executive
210(6)-(7)	Exercise residual functions in relation to charities.	Director of Law and Governance
225(1)	Receiving and retaining deposited documents.	Director of Law and Governance
228(3)	Accounts – to be open for inspection.	Director of Corporate Resources
229(5)	Certify photographic copy documents.	Director of Law and Governance
234(1)	Sign public notices, orders and other documents on behalf of the Council.	Director of Law and Governance
236(10)	Service of byelaws on district councils	Director of Law and Governance
238	Certification of copy byelaws.	Director of Law and Governance
Sch 12, Pt. I, para 4(2)(b)	Signature of summons to Council	Chief Executive
Sch. 12, Pt. I, para 4(3)	Receipt of notices regarding addresses to which Summons to meetings are to be sent.	Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1974

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
30(5)	Notice of Local Government Ombudsman Report.	Chief Executive or Director of Law and Governance

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
41	Certification of copy resolutions, minutes and other documents	Head of Democratic Services

HIGHWAY ACT 1980

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
37(5)	Deposit of Certificate of Dedication or copy order	Director of Environment and Transport
59(1)	Certifying extraordinary expenses incurred in maintaining the highway - excessive weight or extraordinary damage.	Director of Environment and Transport
193(3)	Certifying additional expenses incurred in the execution of wider than normal street works.	Director of Environment and Transport
205(3) – (5)	Duties in relation to private street works.	Director of Environment and Transport with the Director of Law and Governance
210(2)	Certifying amendments to and provisional apportionment of costs of street works.	Director of Environment and Transport with the Director of Law and Governance
211(1) 212(4) 216(2) – (3)	Making final apportionment of expenses of street works.	Director of Environment and Transport with the Director of Law and Governance

295	Issuing notices for removal of materials from non-maintainable streets in which works are due to take place.	Director of Environment and Transport and Director of Law and Governance
321	Authentication of notices, consents, approvals, orders, demands, licences, certificates or other documents.	Director of Environment and Transport and Director of Law and Governance
Sch. 9, para 4	Signing plans showing proposed prescribed improvement or building lines.	Director of Environment and Transport

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
67 -70	Giving public notice of the appointment of an Election Agent and sub-agent and various associated issues.	Chief Executive
81 -89	Receiving declarations and giving public notice of Election Agents' or candidates' election expenses and various associated issues.	Chief Executive
131	Providing accommodation for holding election court.	Chief Executive
For the purpose of the Appointment of Returning Officer and Appropriate Officer under s 35 of the Act		
	Returning Officer	Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Responsible/Proper Officer
114, 115 and 115B	Chief Financial Officer Reports.	Director of Corporate Resources
116(1)	Notifying external auditors of meetings to consider Chief Financial Officer reports and of decisions made at such meetings.	Director of Corporate Resources

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS 1988

Regulation	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
6, 8 – 13 Sch. 3 & 4	Infectious Diseases.	Director of Public Health

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING ACT 1989

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
2	Holding list of politically restricted posts.	Director of Law and Governance

FOOD SAFETY ACT 1990

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
49(3)	Signing any document authorised or required to be given, made or issued by the Food Authority.	Head of Regulatory Services

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

**Section 9G and 9GA – Meetings and Access to Information etc.
Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

Regulation	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
7, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16(5), 16(7) and 20 and Regulation 2	Functions relating to committee administration and access to information.	Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

Section 34 – Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions) (England) Regulations 2011

Regulation	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
4 - 14	Verification of number and the receipt and handling of petitions.	Chief Executive

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
36	Acting as a 'qualified person' in respect of information held by the County Council. To confirm or deny whether the disclosure of information is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs	Director of Law and Governance and Chief Executive

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (STANDING ORDERS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2001

Regulation	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
5 and 6	Notifying the Executive of certain appointments and dismissals.	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer

MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS (APPROVED PREMISES) REGULATIONS 2005

Regulation	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
	To be the Proper Officer for the purposes of the Registration Act 1953, the Marriage Act 1949 (as amended by the Marriage Act 1994) the Civil Partnership Act 2004, and the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 and to set fees and offer discounts where applicable.	Director of Law and Governance

HEALTH PROTECTION (NOTIFICATION) REGULATIONS 2010

Regulation	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
	To receive and deal with any notification of disease, infection or contamination.	Director of Public Health

LOCALISM ACT 2011

Section	Purpose of Appointment	Proper Officer
33 (1)	Grant dispensations to Members	Director of Law and Governance

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