

PART 2.8 – SCHEME OF OFFICER DELEGATIONS

2.8.1 INTRODUCTION

- 2.8.1.1 This scheme has been adopted by Swale Borough Council and is the list of delegations to officers under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and all other powers enabling delegations to officers.
- 2.8.1.2 The delegations which follow are subject to the responsibility of the Chief Executive to ensure the efficient management and execution of the Council's functions and implementation of its policies. The purpose of the delegations is to lead to a streamlining of the processes of the Council.
- 2.8.1.3 Any reference to any Act of Parliament shall include references to regulations, subordinate legislation and European Union legislation upon which either UK legislation is based, or from which powers, duties and functions of the Council are derived.
- 2.8.1.4 Reference to any enactment, regulation, order or byelaw shall include any amendment, re-enactment or re-making of the same.
- 2.8.1.5 Any post referred to below shall be deemed to include any successor post or a post which includes within the job description elements relevant to any particular delegation, which were also present in the earlier post and shall include anyone acting up, seconded, or employed on an interim basis.
- 2.8.1.6 The exercise of any delegated power is subject to:-
- The overriding requirement to ensure that the financial effect of the delegation will fall within an approved budget;
 - The Council's policies including the Budget and Policy framework, the Procedure Rules, Protocols and Codes in this Constitution;
 - Any statutory restrictions; and
 - The right of Council or any Committee to decide on any matter in a particular case.
- 2.8.1.7 In streamlining, wherever possible the scheme of delegation, reference is made only where appropriate to the policies under which the delegation is being exercised. There is an overriding requirement that all delegations are agreed with the law and the Council's policies.

- 2.8.1.8 Before deciding whether to exercise the delegation the officer concerned should ensure that the Director and/or Heads of Service have considered whether the matter is of a controversial nature, or involving significant changes in policy, to require consultation upon, with the relevant Committee Chair and recorded or agreement reached to report to the Council and/or a Committee as appropriate.
- 2.8.1.9 Officers shall also undertake all the operational duties within the remit of their team or service and all necessary powers to do this are therefore deemed to be delegated to the relevant Director or Head of Service or Officer who has responsibility for the discharge of the function.
- 2.8.1.10 So far as the delegations relate to powers which arise by virtue of agency agreements, they are subject also to any qualifications contained in the respective agreements.
- 2.8.1.11 Except where specific provision is made by legislation or by resolution of the Council, the Heads of Service are appointed to be the proper officers in respect of any legislation falling within the scope of their respective services.
- 2.8.1.12 The Director and all Heads of Service shall designate an appropriate responsible officer to deputise during their absence or indisposition.
- 2.8.1.13 The delegated powers held by an officer may be exercised by the line manager of that officer. Any officer with a delegation in this scheme of delegations may authorise other responsible officers who have the relevant skills and knowledge to act on their behalf. A written record of such onward delegations will be kept, identifying the post to whom the delegation is given, the precise delegation(s) involved, and any conditions to which the onward delegation is subject.
- 2.8.1.14 Where the Council, a Committee or Sub-Committee has delegated a function to an officer, the person or body making the delegation may at any time resume responsibility for the function either in respect of a particular matter or generally, and so may exercise the function despite the delegation.

2.8.2 Conflicts of Interest

- 2.8.2.1 Every officer is responsible for identifying whether they have any conflict of interest, actual or perceived, in any matter on which it would otherwise fall to them to make a decision, and for notifying the authority of this (including under s117 of the Local Government Act 1972).
- 2.8.2.2 Where any officer is unable to act on a matter because of a conflict of interest, that officer's line managers up to and including the Chief Executive may discharge the matter or arrange for another officer to discharge the matter.

- 2.8.2.3 Where the Chief Executive is unable to act on a matter because of a conflict of interest, the Chief Executive will arrange for another officer to discharge the matter.
- 2.8.2.4 Where the Monitoring Officer is unable to act on a matter in their statutory capacity under s5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the matter shall be discharged by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.
- 2.8.2.5 Where the Monitoring Officer is unable to act on a matter under the Localism Act 2011 in relation to Member conduct, the matter shall be discharged by the person appointed by the Monitoring Officer for this purpose.

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2.8.4 DELEGATIONS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

General

- 2.8.4.1 To be and to carry out the duties of Head of Paid Service and to exercise authority over all other officers of the Council so far as is necessary for the efficient management of the Council's functions.
- 2.8.4.2 All appointments, discipline and dismissals of staff at and below Head of Service level are delegated to the Chief Executive (for Heads of Service appointments, a joint Member officer consultation panel will be constituted, the membership of which will be agreed between the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Chief Executive).
- 2.8.4.3 To exercise the power to appoint a person in respect of disciplinary investigations or proceedings in respect of statutory officers. This delegation is to be exercised in consultation with the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and in accordance with Part 4.8 of the Constitution.
- 2.8.4.4 To nominate a deputy who may exercise the Chief Executive's powers in the absence or incapacity of the Chief Executive.
- 2.8.4.5 To exercise any of the powers delegated to any other officer, including the Director.
- 2.8.4.6 To bring forward proposals for restructuring of the Council where it may be required or thought to be desirable to ensure that the Council has advice on the establishment and structure needed to carry out efficiently the work of the Council. This includes undertaking any statutory consultation or other consultation.
- 2.8.4.7 To be responsible for Health and Safety and Welfare.
- 2.8.4.8 To be responsible for Security.
- 2.8.4.9 To liaise with national and local associations, authorities, groups, companies, organisations and individuals to further the policies and objectives of the Council.

- 2.8.4.10 To be responsible for undertaking negotiations and consultation with staff through their trade unions on all matters relating to employment.
- 2.8.4.11 To submit responses to government and other bodies, consulting on changes to legislation and policy, as considered appropriate, following consultation with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Emergency Measures – in exercising these delegations the Chief Executive will ensure that the Leader is informed in accordance with the Council’s Emergency Plan.

- 2.8.4.12 In emergencies or any other circumstance which makes it impractical for the Council or a Committee to meet, to take any decision which could be taken by the Council or a Committee (save for any decision expressly reserved to Full Council under Statutory or Regulatory provisions), having regard as fully as possible to the views of the Members who would otherwise have made the decision.
- 2.8.4.13 To be authorised in response to a serious emergency/disaster within the Borough, and on the border of the Borough, to commit staff and resources until such time as the Emergency Committee can meet.
- 2.8.4.14 To discharge the Council’s duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.
- 2.8.4.15 Authority to take any urgent action between meetings in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader of the Council, on matters which are outside the scope of powers expressly delegated to the Director or any Head of Service.

Crime and Disorder

- 2.8.4.16 To consult with other agencies and with the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and Ward Members and to take such action as may be necessary to secure the proper implementation of Orders under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, or any amendment or re-enactment thereof.
- 2.8.4.17 To authorise officers to apply for judicial approval and to undertake surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, including exceptional cases where it is likely that knowledge of confidential information will be acquired or where a vulnerable or juvenile Covert Human Intelligent Source is to be used.

Complaints

- 2.8.4.18 To deal transparently with issues relating to the Commission for Local Administration (Complaints to the Local Government Ombudsman) in consultation with the relevant committee Chair or Leader.

- 2.8.4.19 To make maladministration payments in consultation with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee up to £2,000.

Elections

- 2.8.4.20 To be the Electoral Registration Officer.
- 2.8.4.21 To be the Returning Officer.
- 2.8.4.22 To discharge the Council's functions regarding Parliamentary, Local Government (Kent County Council, Borough Council and Parish/Town Council) Elections and Referendum.
- 2.8.4.23 To make an order, under Section 91 of the Local Government Act 1972, to appoint temporary members to Parish Councils.

Corporate Strategy and Communications

- 2.8.4.24 To produce and publish publicity and information material.
- 2.8.4.25 To manage and co-ordinate press and media relations.
- 2.8.4.26 To issue press statements following discussion with the relevant Committee Chair, and where appropriate other involved Members.
- 2.8.4.27 To co-ordinate consultation on behalf of the Council.

Miscellaneous

- 2.8.4.28 To take preliminary steps to protect the rights and interests of the Council relating to any White Paper, Bill or Statutory Instrument or Order in Parliament.
- 2.8.4.29 Authority to reallocate the delegations to the Director/Heads of Service as and when required.
- 2.8.4.30 To determine arrangements for civic hospitality and transport in consultation with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.8.4.31 To administer the approved Members' Allowances Scheme.
- 2.8.4.32 To be the "Proper Officer" for the functions designated to the Proper Officer under the Local Government Act 1972; Representation of the People Act 1983; Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986; Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

2.8.4.33 To report to Council on any requests to approve extended absence of Councillors from any meetings, and the declaration of vacancies of any seats of the Council.

2.8.4.34 To record, hold and administer civic gifts.

2.8.4.35 To be the Petitions Officer.

2.8.4.36 To receive requests for Call for Action and to place items on the Appropriate Committee.

2.8.4.37 To authorise approval of conference attendance for Members appointed to outside bodies, or in connection with their Council responsibilities, in consultation with the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

2.8.5 DELEGATIONS TO DIRECTORS

2.8.5.1 To award contracts for the winning tender in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

2.8.5.2 In consultation with the relevant Committee Chair, to authorise waivers to competitive tendering process for the amounts not exceeding the limit set out in Contract Standing Orders.

2.8.5.3 In consultation with the relevant Committee Chair, to authorise the extension of contracts for amounts not exceeding the limit set out in Contract Standing Orders.

2.8.5.4 To appoint staff within the approved establishment. The Chief Executive has delegated authority to Directors for all appointments, discipline and dismissal of staff below Heads of Service within their Directorate.

2.8.5.5 To authorise Occasional or Regular Car User Allowances in accordance with the Council's Conditions of Service.

2.8.5.6 To determine requests for honoraria within their directorate in accordance with the Council's HR policies.

2.8.6 DELEGATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

- 2.8.6.1 Authority to write-off any irrecoverable debt not delegated to the Chief Financial Officer and Head of Environment and Leisure in accordance with the financial regulations.
- 2.8.6.2 To donate or write-off surplus goods or equipment which are not economically viable to sell.
- 2.8.6.3 On receipt of a detailed report from the relevant Head of Service to approve virement on the approved budget of a cost centre, subject to the limitations outlined in the Financial Regulations.
- 2.8.6.4 To issue requisitions for information under Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 2.8.6.5 To provide management and administration of grant schemes and payments, including the signing and sealing of grant agreements, in accordance with the Council's policy framework and/or the requirements of the funding body.

Customer Services

- 2.8.6.6 To provide the frontline service for all residents contacting the Council using varying methods of communication and multiple locations.
- 2.8.6.7 The development of the Council's Customer Charter, Complaints Strategy and procedures.

Miscellaneous

- 2.8.6.8 To authorise officers to apply for judicial approval and to undertake surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 including cases, in the absence of the Chief Executive, where it is likely that knowledge of confidential information will be acquired or where a vulnerable or juvenile Covert Human Intelligence Source is to be used.
- 2.8.6.9 To give consent to the exercise by the Police of powers to disperse groups of young persons under Part 5 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

2.8.7 DELEGATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

- 2.8.7.1 On designation by the Council, to be the Chief Financial Officer and be responsible for the administration of the financial affairs of the Council under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended); to exercise the

duties of the Chief Financial Officer under Section 114 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988; and to discharge functions under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011.

- 2.8.7.2 To deal with matters specified by Financial Regulations.
- 2.8.7.3 Negotiate with the external auditor on the level and type of audit resources required to carry out the statutory and management audit requirements of the Council.
- 2.8.7.4 To write-off any irrecoverable debt in accordance with the Financial Regulations, and the information to be kept in a register.
- 2.8.7.5 To estimate any collection fund surplus or deficit and to subsequently notify the major precepting authority.
- 2.8.7.6 To make loans to officers for car purchase and to keep a register of these loans.
- 2.8.7.7 To enter into leasing agreements to lease non-property assets for use by the Council as approved by the Capital Programme or Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.8.7.8 To arrange and review insurance in accordance with the Council's Policy.
- 2.8.7.9 To raise loans and make investments as and when required.
- 2.8.7.10 To manage the Council's treasury management activities in accordance with the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury management and CLG Guidelines.
- 2.8.7.11 To authorise financial leases in accordance with approved capital financing arrangements.
- 2.8.7.12 To make arrangements for the collection of income due to the Council.
- 2.8.7.13 To sign all necessary claim forms in respect of any grants or other funds payable to the Council.
- 2.8.7.14 To set the Council Tax and Business Rate Base.
- 2.8.7.15 To publish in a local newspaper, within 21 days, notice of the amount of Council Tax set by the authority in accordance with Section 38 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

- 2.8.7.16 To exercise responsibility for the accounting arrangements for the operation of the collection fund in connection with the administration of Council Tax and Non- Domestic Rate.
- 2.8.7.17 To authorise Statutory Returns in connection with Council Tax and Council Tax Benefit, Non-Domestic Rate and Discretionary Housing Payments.
- 2.8.7.18 To authorise statutory subsidy calculations and returns in connection with the administration of Housing Benefit.
- 2.8.7.19 To determine and declare local average interest rates in accordance with legislation and the interest rate for loans to housing associations.
- 2.8.7.20 To issue, renew or repay temporary loans.
- 2.8.7.21 To administer matters in respect of mortgages granted by the Council.
- 2.8.7.22 To a uthorise the premature repayment of mortgages issued by the Council.
- 2.8.7.23 To provide financial services either on an agency basis or where required by statute.
- 2.8.7.24 To a uthorise persons to act for the Council at company and creditor meetings.
- 2.8.7.25 Where appropriate to elect for VAT status on particular land or property.
- 2.8.7.26 To determine the most appropriate source of funding for the capital programme each year in order to minimise borrowing costs.

Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates

- 2.8.7.27 To exercise all of the Council's powers and duties to bill, administer and collect the Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates.
- 2.8.7.28 Pursuant to Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, to issue enforcement proceedings including making complaints on behalf of the Swale Borough Council in the Magistrates Court under the following Regulations:-
- The Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1989;
 - The Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 1989;

- Community Charges (Co-Owners) Regulations 1990 (as amended);
- Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1990 (as amended);
- Non-Domestic Rating Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations 1989 (as amended);
- Any other further regulations issued by the Secretary of State under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Schedule 9);
- The Council Tax (Administration & Enforcement) Regulations 1992 (as amended); and
- Any further regulations issued by the Secretary of State under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Schedule 4).

2.8.7.29 To write-off any irrecoverable debt in respect of Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates and Housing Benefit Overpayments in accordance with the Financial regulations and the information to be kept in a register.

2.8.7.30 To appear on behalf of the Council at a Valuation Tribunal.

2.8.7.31 To consider applications for non-domestic rate relief from charitable and other organisations pursuant to Sections 43 and 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

2.8.7.32 To consider applications for the reduction and remission of rates pursuant to Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

2.8.7.33 To write-off any irrecoverable debt in the case of council tax, business rates or housing benefit overpayments in accordance with the Financial Regulations, and the information to be kept in a register.

Housing and Council Tax Benefit

2.8.7.34 To exercise all of the Council's powers and responsibilities for Housing and Council Tax Benefits, including the payment of benefits and the determination of discretionary payments.

2.8.7.35 To administer rent rebates for Local Authority tenants and rent allowances for Private/Housing pursuant to Section 134 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (as amended).

2.8.8. DELEGATIONS TO THE MONITORING OFFICER

- 2.8.8.1 To be and to carry out the duties of the Monitoring Officer in accordance with Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 and any other enactments and the Council's constitution, and to nominate a member of staff to deputise as Monitoring Officer.
- 2.8.8.2 To maintain a record of notices of disclosable pecuniary interests and disclosable non-pecuniary interests by any Councillor and personal and prejudicial and personal and non-prejudicial interests by any officer and to maintain the register of Councillors interests and declarations.
- 2.8.8.3 To maintain the record of officer delegations.
- 2.8.8.4 To make any necessary updates to the Constitution (as required by law) where there is no discretion in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- 2.8.5.5 To deal with all complaints under the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 2.8.5.6 To publish and maintain the Council's Constitution with authority to make minor textual changes and amendments to Officer Delegations to take account of changes in legislation in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- 2.8.8.7 To put in place appropriate arrangements to record relevant Officer Decisions required under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

2.8.9 DELEGATIONS TO THE DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

- 2.8.9.1 To be responsible for decisions relating to Data Protection and Freedom of Information law.
- 2.8.9.2 To implement the provisions of Environmental Information Regulations 1995 and be responsible for decisions made under the Regulations.

2.8.10 DELEGATIONS TO HEADS OF SERVICE

- 2.8.10.1 Authority to approve staffing structures within existing budgets. The Directors have delegated authority to Heads of Service for all appointments, discipline and dismissal of staff within their teams.
- 2.8.10.2 Authorisation to approve the payment of overtime to members of staff in accordance with the Council's Conditions of Service or the appropriate negotiated conditions within their department.

2.8.10.3 To sign any document needed to implement a decision by, or in the name of, the Council that is within the scope of the powers delegated to them.

2.8.10.4 Authority to authorise staff to enter land or premises.

2.8.10.5. To serve statutory notices and arrange for works in default.

2.8.10.6 Authority to spend in accordance with the financial regulations. This includes authority to award contracts that are within the approved budget for the current financial year, having gone through the tendering procedures as set out in contract standing orders. (Relevant Committee Chair to be kept informed of any waivers granted).

2.8.10.7 Authority to implement new and existing legislation.

2.8.10.8 To respond to consultations on behalf of the Council in consultation with the relevant Committee Chair where appropriate.

2.8.11 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT

2.8.11.1 To develop the key Commissioning and Procurement Strategies, Plans and Procedures for officers to follow.

2.8.11.2 To monitor and make suggested changes to the Contract Standing Orders document in order to comply with legislation.

2.8.11.3 To agree waivers in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

2.8.11.4 To agree to the extension or termination of contracts within the parameters set out in Contract Standing Orders.

2.8.11.5 To monitor and record expressions of interest for the Community Right to Challenge as per the Localism Act 2011 and The Community Right to Challenge (Expressions of Interest and Excluded Services) (England) Regulations 2012.

2.8.12 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF LEGAL PARTNERSHIP

These delegations are subject to the Law Society practice procedures and requirements of the Solicitors Regulation Authority.

General

2.8.12.1 Authority to sign, or, where necessary, seal, any document needed to implement a decision taken by, or in the name of, the Council, and to authorise other officers to do so and to keep a record.

- 2.8.12.2 To act as Solicitor to the Council and carry out all related work on behalf of the Council.
- 2.8.12.3 To institute, conduct, prosecute and defend any legal proceedings on behalf of the Council, including cases where the Council considers it expedient for the protection or the promotion of the interests of the inhabitants of the Council's area.
- 2.8.12.4 On instruction from client departments to settle, if appropriate, and in the interests of the Council any actual or threatened legal proceedings, and in consultation where necessary with the relevant statutory officers. If the action is not required to give effect to a decision or policy of Council the Head of Legal Partnership will consult with the Chair of Policy and Resources or Vice-Chair in their absence.
- 2.8.12.5 To ensure with regard to 3 and 4 above that the early involvement of the Council's External Auditor be sought where appropriate in cases of an unusual and significant nature, and that an information report be presented thereafter at the earliest opportunity to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.8.12.6 To instruct Counsel and professional advisors as appropriate and in accordance with the agreed procedures of the Mid-Kent Legal Services Partnership.
- 2.8.12.7. To give legal undertakings and indemnities on behalf of the Council and to keep a register.
- 2.8.12.8 Under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972 to authorise officers who are not admitted solicitors to appear in Magistrates' Courts on behalf of the Council.
- 2.8.12.9 To determine procedural arrangements for the issue of all consents, refusals, decisions and notices on behalf of the Council.
- 2.8.12.10 To accept on behalf of the Council the service of notices, orders and legal procedures.

Land and Property

- 2.8.12.11 To dispose of any land or any interest in land in accordance with the law, following appropriate Member approval.
- 2.8.12.12 To acquire properties which the Council is under a legal obligation to acquire under planning legislation, following Member approval.
- 2.8.12.13 To complete all property transactions and contractual arrangements.

- 2.8.12.14 To make and carry out the statutory notifications and advertisement procedure in relation to Footpath Orders, in accordance with S257 of the Town and Country Planning Act, and where there are no objections, or any objections made are withdrawn, to confirm the Order.

Miscellaneous

- 2.8.12.15 To maintain a central record of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) applications and authorisations in-line with RIPA Orders and Codes of Practice.

2.8.14 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE SERVICES

Waste Collection and Disposal

- 2.8.14.1 To exercise powers in relation to refuse collection, street cleansing, public conveniences, recycling and minor works.
- 2.8.14.2 To levy charges regarding the collection and disposal of waste other than household waste, and for the provision of bins and sacks.
- 2.8.14.3 To implement and enforce the provisions of Part II and Schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 2.8.14.4 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Public Health Act 1961 regarding the accumulations of rubbish.

Seafront and Harbour

- 2.8.14.5 To manage and maintain seafront facilities.
- 2.8.14.6 To commission and monitor the beach lifeguarding service.
- 2.8.14.7 To grant and renew licences and leases for beach huts.
- 2.8.14.8 To undertake responsibility for the effects of oil pollution on the coast line.
- 2.8.14.9 To work with the key authorities on coastal risk management and flood planning.

Leisure and Green Spaces

- 2.8.14.10 To manage, maintain and control (including temporary or permanent closure of) parks, open spaces, country parks, equipped play areas and outdoor sports facilities.

- 2.8.14.11 To prepare the key strategic documents and plans for sport, leisure and open spaces to support the Local Plan process.
- 2.8.14.12 To let parks and open spaces for sporting and recreation facilities including fairs, exhibitions and displays subject to suitability.
- 2.8.14.13 To grant and to renew licences for fitness and leisure coaches and instructors using Council land.
- 2.8.14.14 To be responsible for the development and provision of indoor leisure facilities including the leisure centre contract.
- 2.8.14.15 To make arrangements for the provision and advertising of leisure services and events.
- 2.8.14.16 To deal with petitions in relation to ball games on open spaces in consultation with Ward Members.

Cemeteries and Closed Churchyards

- 2.8.14.17 To manage and maintain Council owned cemeteries and to maintain “closed churchyards” under Section 18 of the Burial Act 1855 and Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2.8.14.18 To exercise powers in relation to the granting of rights of burial, rights to erect memorials and maintenance of graves pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, Public Health Act 1936 and Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.
- 2.8.14.19 To grant reductions in burial fees and charges, on a case-by-case basis, where the Council has admitted fault in a service or burial.

Parking and Highways Management

- 2.8.14.20 To manage, maintain and control off-street parking and to make necessary amendments to the Off-Street Parking Order.
- 2.8.14.21 To manage on-street parking enforcement in accordance with the Road Traffic (Permitted Parking and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Swale) Order 1999.
- 2.8.14.22 To agree to the temporary use of car parks for other activities and to temporarily suspend on and off-street parking bays.
- 2.8.14.23 To enforce the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 regarding the removal of vehicles and any other offence.

2.8.14.24 To enforce the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 in relation to fixed penalty notices for nuisance parking offences.

2.8.14.25 To exercise the Council's powers to provide and maintain footway Lighting systems and street naming and numbering.

2.8.14.26 To exercise the power to provide and maintain bus shelters and to give consent to Parish Councils for the erection of seats and shelters.

2.8.14.27 In conjunction with the Head of Legal Partnership to make Orders for the closure of highways for a period of 24 hours or less for special purposes under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Road Traffic Act 1984.

Allotments

2.8.14.28 To administer allotments and the discharge of related statutory functions.

Contract Management

2.8.14.29 To lead on contract management within the authority, including monitoring of the Council's major contracts – waste and recycling, street cleansing, public conveniences, leisure centres and grounds maintenance.

2.8.14.30 To issue defaults and rectification notices to contractors who do not meet the terms of service.

Climate and Ecological Emergency

2.8.14.31 To manage green infrastructure projects and promote biodiversity.

Environmental Services

2.8.14.32 To discharge the Council's responsibilities with regard to statutory nuisances.

2.8.14.33 To enforce the provisions of the following Acts in relation to the welfare of animals:

- Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976;
- Zoo Licensing Act 1981;
- Animal Welfare Act 2006;

- The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals (England) Regulations 2018;
- Dogs Act 1871, 1906 and Dangerous Dogs Act 1991;
- Dog Control Orders (Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act) 2005;
- Breeding and Sale of Dogs (Welfare) Act 1999;
- Section 11(2) of The Microchipping of Dogs (England) Regulations 2015

2.8.14.34 To enforce the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

2.8.14.35 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

2.8.14.36 To implement and enforce the Environment Act 1995.

2.8.14.37 To enforce the provisions of the Clean Air Act 1993.

2.8.14.38 To enforce the provisions of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

2.8.14.39 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993.

2.8.14.40 To implement and enforce the provisions of Part 6 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003.

2.8.14.41 To enforce the provisions of the Noise Act 1996.

2.8.14.42 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Criminal Damage Act 1971, the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003, Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to graffiti, littering and fly posting.

2.8.14.43 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhood Act 2005.

2.8.14.44 To enforce the provisions of the Control of Pollution Amendment Act 1989 and the Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991 regarding transport of waste.

2.8.14.45 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Environmental

Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

- 2.8.14.46 To implement and enforce the provisions of Part II and Schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 2.8.14.47 To enforce the provisions of the Health Act 2006 relating to smoke-free offences.
- 2.8.14.48 To enforce the provisions of The County of Kent Act 1981.
- 2.8.14.49 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and 1982.
- 2.8.14.50 To administer the Waste to Land (Use in Agriculture) Regulations 1989.
- 2.8.14.51 To enforce the provisions of Sections 3-6 of the Refuse Disposal Amenity Act 1978, Part VIII of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and The Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (England) (Amended) Regulations 2002.
- 2.8.14.52 To implement and enforce the provisions of Sections 235-238 of Part XI of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to the enforcement of Byelaws.
- 2.8.14.53 To implement and enforce the provisions of Parts 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and Part 11, Sections 154 only, of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- 2.8.14.54 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Littering From Vehicles Outside London (Keepers: Civil Penalties) Regulations 2018.
- 2.8.14.55 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Control of Waste (Dealing with seized property) (England & Wales) Regulations 2015.
- 2.8.14.56 To appoint suitably qualified inspectors under Part 2 of The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018.
- 2.8.14.57 To inspect any premises on which a licensable activity or any part of it is being or is to be carried on under Part 2 of The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, and following that inspection, grant a licence to the operator, or renew the operator's licence.
- 2.8.14.58 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.
- 2.8.14.59 To authorise officers to apply for judicial approval and to undertake

surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, excluding cases where it is likely that knowledge of confidential information

will be acquired or where a vulnerable or juvenile Covert Human Intelligent Source is to be used.

Gypsy Sites and Unlawful Encampments

2.8.14.60 To monitor the number of gypsies/land travellers, legally and illegally encamped within the Borough and to maintain a continuing dialogue with the Kent County Council over gypsy site provision.

2.8.14.61 To issue Notices in relation to the removal of unauthorised encampments on the highway under the Highways Act 1980 and from Council owned land under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

Miscellaneous

2.8.14.62 In conjunction with the Head of Legal Partnership, to serve Notices under Section 23 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in relation to dangerous trees.

2.8.14.63 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

2.8.14.64 To enforce the provisions of the Sunday Trading Act 1994 and to enforce any breaches of street trading under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

2.8.14.65 To exercise the Council's power to secure unoccupied buildings under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

2.8.14.66 To provide management and administration of grant schemes and payments, including the signing and sealing of grant agreements, in accordance with the Council's policy framework and/or the requirements of the funding body.

Anti-idling Legislation

2.8.14.67 To authorise relevant officers or persons to stop the commission of stationary idling offences and issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) in respect of such offences, in accordance with Regulation 6(3) of the 2002 Regulations.

2.8.15 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

Development Management

2.8.15.1 To determine applications, negotiate and enter into Section 106 Agreements, to agree minor variations to planning obligations, to respond to prior notifications, and to make observations on behalf of the Borough Council in

accordance with the provisions of the appropriate Development Plan or other adopted Borough Council Planning Policy Guidance.

2.8.15.2 The delegated powers in paragraph 2.18.15.1 above shall not be exercised in the following circumstances:

(a) Any planning applications submitted by a member of the Council or Members of staff and for Council development (whether involving Council owned land or not) or on Council-owned land.

(b) Applications where the decision of the Head of Planning would conflict with (a) reason(s) set out in any written representation received during the statutory consultation period (as specified within the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order (2015) or any superseding legislation, or within an extension of time period agreed by officers, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, from:

- (i) Any Member of the Borough Council;
- (ii) A statutory consultee;
- (iii) A Parish or Town Council where it is clearly stated that the Parish or Town Council would like the application to be decided by the Planning Committee in the event that the officer's recommendation conflicts with the Parish or Town Council view.

Provided that any such representations from (ii) or (iii) above are, in the opinion of the Head of Planning, based upon relevant planning considerations.

(c) Applications where the decision of the Head of Planning would conflict with letters of representations, or petitions, from at least three separate addresses received within the specified representation period from persons or bodies (other than those set out in (a) above) provided that any such representations are, in the opinion of the Head of Planning, based upon relevant planning considerations and relevant Ward Member requests that the application should be reported to the Planning Committee; and

- (d) Applications which the Head of Planning considers to be in the public interest, such as those which would meet the standard triggers for Environmental Impact Assessment submission or raise difficult questions of policy interpretation.

Where the head of planning determines that a representation from (iii) above is not based on relevant planning considerations, they will write to the town or parish council to advise them of this, including the relevant ward member(s) in copy.

Where the Head of Planning determines that a representation from (iii) above is based on relevant considerations and the Town or Parish Council has stated that they want the application to be reported to the Planning Committee, the Head of Planning will write to the Town or Parish Council to remind them of their right to send a speaker to the relevant Planning Committee meeting.

- 2.8.15.3 During the appeal process to negotiate and enter into Section 106 Agreements and conditions in accordance with Council Local Plan policies and any pre-appeal discussions with relevant Members.

Trees, Hedgerows and High Hedges

- 2.8.15.4 To respond to notifications under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 of intention to cut down, uproot, top or lop a tree within a Conservation Area or for trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders.

- 2.8.15.5 To determine Felling Licence applications.

- 2.8.15.6 To make and confirm, where there are no objections, Tree Preservation Orders.

- 2.8.15.7 To refuse permission to cut down trees and approvals to lopping, silvicultural thinning of woodlands and routine cutting of coppice woodland not affecting draw trees.

- 2.8.15.8 Authority under Regulation 12 of the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 (as amended) and Section 214B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) to enter onto land.

- 2.8.15.9 To respond to hedgerow notifications.

- 2.8.15.10 Subject to consultation with the Head of Legal Partnership, to service notices relating to dangerous trees, in accordance with Section 23 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

2.8.15.11 To consider and determine the Council's response to formal complaints in relation to high hedges, to issue remedial notices and determine all other matters in relation to high hedges in accordance with Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

Enforcement

2.8.15.12 To authorise, sign and serve all enforcement and other notices under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990; the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) regulations 2007 on behalf of the Council following consultation with all borough Councillors.

2.8.15.13 To authorise the Head of Legal Partnership to take necessary legal proceedings in respect of planning enforcement legislation, including applications for injunction and taking direct action.

Conservation of Historic Environment

2.8.15.14 To authorise, sign and serve all Building Preservation Notices and Urgent Works Notices under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

2.8.15.15 To carry out works where it is considered urgently necessary for the preservation of a listed building.

2.8.15.16 To respond to consultations by Church Authorities under the Ecclesiastical Exemption Regulations.

Miscellaneous

2.8.15.17 To respond to any pre-application or other consultation on nationally significant infrastructure projects submitted or to be submitted to the Major Infrastructure Planning Unit under the Planning Act 2008.

2.8.15.18 To respond to consultations from neighbouring planning authorities including Kent County Council following consultation with the Planning Committee Chair or Vice Chair, and the relevant Ward Member(s).

2.8.15.19 To authorise the Head of Legal Partnership to apply for Judicial Review of decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate in consultation with the Planning Committee Chair or Vice Chair and Ward Member.

2.8.15.20 To exercise powers of entry in accordance with Sections 196A and 324 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and Section 88 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2.8.15.21 To determine whether an Environmental Impact Assessment is required, in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 (as amended) and to screen and scope such assessments.
- 2.8.15.22 To determine applications for Certificates of Lawful Use or Development.
- 2.8.15.23 To carry out consultations under the procedure set out for minor developments by Government departments.
- 2.8.15.24 To accept non-material amendments to approve schemes including minor amendments to conditions and planning obligations.
- 2.8.15.25 To approve details reserved in conditional permissions (facing materials, landscaping, joinery details etc.).
- 2.8.15.26 To determine whether an application should not be considered in outline.
- 2.8.15.27 To serve notices requiring information regarding disposal of waste pursuant to Section 93 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.
- 2.8.15.28 To act as “responsible authority” within the meaning of the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.
- 2.8.15.29 To implement the provisions of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004.
- 2.8.15.30 To authorise officers to apply for judicial approval and to undertake surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, excluding cases where it is likely that confidential information will be acquired.
- 2.8.15.31 To be responsible for the Council’s Building Control function by way of representation at the Joint Committee of the South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership.
- 2.8.15.32 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003 in relation to high hedges and miscellaneous powers.
- 2.8.15.33 To exercise responsibility for local land charges.
- 2.8.15.34 To authorize the Head of Legal Partnership to delegate all legal work in exercising all functions relating to public rights of ways (including the creation, stopping-up and diversion of footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways).

2.8.16 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP

General

- 2.8.16.1 To operate the Severance Policy with any redundancies or business cases for enhancements being approved by the appropriate Director or Chief Executive, and signed-off by the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.8.16.2 To enter into agreements with trade unions where implementation does not increase expenditure.
- 2.8.16.3 To enter into agreements with staff for the purpose of regulating work time.
- 2.8.16.4 To assimilate staff on appointment, promotion or re-grading.
- 2.8.16.5 To grant removal expenses and lodging allowances in accordance with any scheme approved by the Council.
- 2.8.16.6 To determine requests for provision of temporary accommodation for employees.
- 2.8.16.7 To make changes in accordance with legal requirements and best practice to HR policies and procedures following informal consultation with staff and the agreement of the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.8.16.8 To administer the Council's Pension Discretionary Policy.

Training

- 2.8.16.9 To grant financial assistance for post entry training.
- 2.8.16.10 To determine proposals to attend corporate and service training courses.
- 2.8.16.11 To determine proposals for the retention of fees for trainers.

Payroll

- 2.8.16.12 To implement all negotiated salary or wage awards where no exercise of a discretion is involved.
- 2.8.16.13 To administer staff benefits and expenses and review rates annually.
- 2.8.16.14 To pay salaries, wages, pensions and insurance contributions without reference to Members in accordance with the agreed arrangements.
- 2.8.16.15 To make payments in respect of Members' allowances and expenses under Sections 173 to 178 of the Local Government Act 1972, and to keep a register of such payments.

2.8.17 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF AUDIT PARTNERSHIP

- 2.8.17.1 To oversee the provision of an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the Council's accounting records and its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control as prescribed by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
- 2.8.17.2 The maintenance of the Council's Comprehensive Risk Register and the provision of advice and guidance on the principles and practices of Risk Management.

2.8.18 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services

- 2.8.18.1 To enable community development services across the Borough.
- 2.8.18.2 To provide management and administration of grant schemes and payments, including the signing and sealing of grant agreements, in accordance with the Council's policy framework and/or the requirements of the funding body.
- 2.8.18.3 To manage Community halls and asset transfer projects.
- 2.8.18.4 To manage the CCTV service.
- 2.8.18.5 To deliver services in accordance with statutory and legislative requirements including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act.
- 2.8.18.6 To manage the Community Safety Unit.
- 2.8.18.7 To implement and enforce the provisions of Parts 1, 2, 4, and 6 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
- 2.8.18.8 To enable the delivery of sports and physical activities across the Borough.

Housing

- 2.8.18.9 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Housing Act 1985 (as amended) and the Housing Act 2004 in relation to demolition orders, housing conditions, licensing of houses in multiple occupation, and additional control provisions in relation to residential accommodation including overcrowding.

- 2.8.18.10 Power to approve disabled facilities grants in accordance with statutory criteria and authority to allow applicants to start work before grants are approved pursuant to Part I of the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 (as amended).
- 2.8.18.11 To implement the provisions of Article 3 of the Regulatory Reform Act (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 with power to provide housing assistance in accordance with the Council's published policy and grant/loan conditions, and power in consultation with the relevant Committee Chair to recover the grant in total or in part where a house is sold within five years.
- 2.8.18.12 To implement the provisions of Part VI of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended).
- 2.8.18.13 To enter into agreements for the supply for goods and services in connection with grant and financial assistance schemes.
- 2.8.18.14 To promote group repair and renewal schemes.
- 2.8.18.15 To implement Enforced Sale Procedure under the Law of Property Act 1925 including service of notice under Section 103 of the Act.
- 2.8.18.16 To implement and enforce the Redress Schemes for Lettings Agency Work and Property Management Work (Requirement to Belong to a Scheme etc.) (England) Order 2014.
- 2.8.18.17 To implement and enforce the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020.
- 2.8.18.18 To implement and enforce the Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015 in relation to private sector rented properties.
- 2.8.18.19 To implement and enforce relevant housing provisions of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 or regulations made under the Act.

Homelessness

- 2.8.18.20 To adopt the power given in the Localism Act 2011 to discharge Homelessness Duty into the Private Rented Sector.
- 2.8.18.21 To implement the provisions of Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended) in relation to processing and determining all homeless applications.
- 2.8.18.22 To implement the provisions contained in the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 in relation to the prevention and relief of homelessness.

2.8.18.23 To contract out the homelessness review functions under Section 202 of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended).

Caravans

2.8.18.24 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

Public Health

2.8.18.25 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Public Health Act 1936 and 1961.

2.8.18.26 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 in relation to private water supplies.

Buildings

2.8.18.27 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Building Act 1984.

2.8.18.28 To enforce the provisions of Part XI of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

2.8.18.29 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Water Act 1989.

Drainage

2.8.18.30 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991.

2.8.18.31 To enforce the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Pests

2.8.18.32 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Miscellaneous

2.8.18.33 To implement and enforce the provisions of Part III of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

2.8.18.34 To enforce the provisions of The County of Kent Act 1981.

2.8.18.35 To enter into agreements and contracts for the supply of goods and services in connection with the service.

2.8.18.36 To enable the delivery of markets on Council owned sites by working with market cooperatives in the Borough.

2.8.18.37 To authorise officers to apply for judicial approval and to undertake surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, excluding cases where it is likely that knowledge of confidential information will be acquired or where a vulnerable or juvenile Covert Human Intelligent Source is to be used.

2.8.18.38 To implement the provisions of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

2.8.18.39 To implement the provisions of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

2.8.18.40 To implement the provisions of the Children's Act 2004.

2.8.18.41 To be responsible for safeguarding.

Licensing

2.8.18.42 To carry out all licensing functions in respect of:

- Street trading in licensed streets pursuant to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982;
- Premises, club premises, personal licences, provisional statement, Designated Premises Supervisor, Temporary Event Notices in accordance with the Council's Licensing Policy and the Licensing Act 2003;
- Premises, provisional statement, Temporary Use Notices, Game Machine Permits, Lotteries, Prize Gaming Permits, acting as the Responsible Authority and instituting proceedings for non-compliance in accordance with the Council's Gambling Policy and the Gambling Act 2005;
- Street collections pursuant to Section 5 of the Police, Factories etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1916 (as amended);
- House to House collections pursuant to Section 2 of the House to House Collections Act 1939 (as amended);
- Sex establishments pursuant to Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982;

- To act as the “responsible authority” within the meaning of the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005;
- To maintain a register of persons carrying out business as a scrap metal dealer pursuant to the provisions of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964 and 2013.
- To exercise all powers under sections 19 – 28 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001, with all powers of prosecution and court litigation reserved to the Head of Legal Partnership.

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles

2.8.18.43 To undertake all functions regarding Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Other

2.8.18.44 To grant and to renew licences for pleasure boats and for pleasure boatmen pursuant to the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (as amended by the Local Government Act 1974) and to dispose of boats and ancillary equipment abandoned or uncollected on any port or foreshore in the Council's ownership.

2.8.19 DELEGATIONS TO THE HEAD OF REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development and Regeneration

2.8.19.1 To implement key regeneration projects across the Borough.

2.8.19.2 To work in partnership to promote and enable the delivery of learning and skills, economic development (including the visitor economy), arts, heritage, and culture-based projects and services across the Borough.

2.8.19.3 To engage with business and relevant representative organisations to promote and signpost services, and to further the economic development of the Borough.

2.8.19.4 To develop and submit bids for external funding for corporate and service priorities.

2.8.19.5 To provide management and administration of grant schemes and payments, including the signing and sealing of grant agreements, in accordance with the Council's policy framework and/or the requirements of the funding body.

Property Services

- 2.8.19.6 To enter into all 'de-minimis' Agreements, e.g. minor wayleaves, easements, rights of way, temporary occupation of land, tenants-at-will etc.
- 2.8.19.7 To negotiate and agree terms for the modification, variation or release of covenants contained in conveyances and transfers in accordance with the Property Asset Strategy and Property Procedure Rules, the Community Asset Transfer Policy and Disposals Policy, and any other related or successor Strategies and Policies.
- 2.8.19.8 To deal with Blight Notices (ensuring final compensation where the notices have been accepted by the Council for conveyancing purposes), encroachments and adverse possession claims.
- 2.8.19.9 To approve disturbance payments, etc. other than payments in respect of well- maintained houses.
- 2.8.19.10 To enter into and finalise negotiations in the case of confirmed Compulsory Purchase Orders.
- 2.8.19.11 To deal with applications for the sale of sub-station sites.
- 2.8.19.12 Following engagement with ward members and any relevant Town or Parish Council, to deal with the freehold disposal and purchase of land where the proposed consideration does not exceed £100,000 or where the land is to be sold or purchased on behalf of the Kent County Council. In all matters relating to the disposal of land and property, delegations are subject to the duty under S123 of the Local Government Act 1972 to obtain the best consideration for the land, and any other disposal will require a Committee decision.
- 2.8.19.13 To assign leases, subject to investigation of the financial abilities of the new lessees and change of use consents.
- 2.8.19.14 To terminate or accept the surrender of a leasehold interest in land where it is of benefit to the Council.
- 2.8.19.15 To approve rent reviews and lease renewals.
- 2.8.19.16 To enter into leases for less than seven years to which statutory security of tenure does not apply or to enter into leases where the annual rent is less than £30,000.
- 2.8.19.17 To grant rent concessions in line with Council Policy.

- 2.8.19.18 To appoint and retain agents to advise upon terms for sales, leases, purchases, easements, compensation claims and similar matters or otherwise in connection therewith.
- 2.8.19.19 To negotiate the terms of, and authorise the granting of, landlords licences and consents and variations under existing leases.
- 2.8.19.20 To administer all aspects of short-term tenancies of Swale House.
- 2.8.19.21 To carry out any site investigation which he/she considers necessary for the operation of the service.
- 2.8.19.22 To be responsible for all aspects of the Community Right to Bid/Assets of Community Value process as per legislation and including engagement with ward members.

2.8.20 DELEGATIONS TO THE MID-KENT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER

- 2.8.20.1 To discharge the Council's responsibilities with regard to statutory nuisances.
- 2.8.20.2 To administer all Port Health matters and monitor and enforce all other matters of public health and environmental health.
- 2.8.20.3 To appoint inspectors under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974.
- 2.8.20.4 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, together with any other health and safety regulations and enactments.
- 2.8.20.5 To implement the provisions of the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985, the Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986 and of the Food Safety Act 1990 and any Orders or Regulations made thereunder or relating to the foregoing and any modifications or re-enactment to the foregoing.
- 2.8.20.6 To enforce the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.
- 2.8.20.7 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 2.8.20.8 To implement and enforce the Environment Act 1995.
- 2.8.20.9 To enforce the provisions of the Clean Air Act 1993.
- 2.8.20.10 To enforce the provisions of the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

- 2.8.20.11 To enforce the provisions of the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 1999.
- 2.8.20.12 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993.
- 2.8.20.13 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010.
- 2.8.20.14 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Public Health Acts 1936 and 1961, together with any other public health regulations and enactments.
- 2.8.20.15 To enforce the provisions of The Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.
- NB: The Clinical Director of the Kent Health Protection Unit is appointed as the Proper Officer of the Council to carry out duties under the above Act, the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925, the Public Health Act 1936, the Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1979 and any other Regulations made under the Act, and any consultants in Communicable Disease Control, authorised by the Clinical Director, are similarly appointed to act on his behalf.*
- 2.8.20.16 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Water Industry Act 1991 and Private Water Supplies Regulations 2009 in relation to private water supplies.
- 2.8.20.17 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Building Act 1984.
- 2.8.20.18 To enforce the provisions of The County of Kent Act 1981.
- 2.8.20.19 To implement and enforce the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and 1982.
- 2.8.20.20 To enforce the provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991.
- 2.8.20.21 To enforce the provisions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005:
- Part 5, Chapter 1 Sections 77 – 79, Chapter 2, Sections 82 – 86, Part 7, Chapter 1 Sections 69 – 73, Part 9, Sections 101 – 105
- 2.8.20.22 To enforce the provisions of the Environmental Damage (Prevention And Remediation) (England) Regulations 2015.
- 2.8.20.23 To enforce the provisions of the Noise Act 1996.

2.8.20.24 To enforce the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 – Chapter 1 Sections 43 – 93.

2.8.20.25 To enforce the provisions of the Health Act 2006 – Part 1 Chapter 1.

2.8.20.26 To enforce the provisions of the Plant Protection Product Regulations 2011.

2.8.20.27 To enforce the provisions of the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012.

Anti-idling Legislation

2.8.20.28 To authorise relevant officers or persons to stop the commission of stationary idling offences and issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) in respect of such offences, in accordance with Regulation 6(3) of the 2002 Regulations.

Miscellaneous

2.8.20.29 To enforce the provisions of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

2.8.20.30 To arrange burials and cremations pursuant to Section 46 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.