

## The LGSS Joint Committee Scheme of Delegation - Shared Services and Delegated Functions

### 1. The Shared Services

- 1.1 Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC), Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) & Milton Keynes Council (MKC):
- Finance;
  - Internal Audit and Risk;
  - Information Systems and Communication Technology;
  - Procurement;
  - Insurance;
  - Democratic Services;
  - Human Resources;
  - Learning and Development;
  - HR Transactions and Payroll;
  - Financial Transactions – accounts payable, accounts receivable & financial assessments;
  - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and business systems; and
  - Business Support Service to schools.
- 1.2 Cambridgeshire County Council and Northamptonshire County Council:
- Pensions - Administering Authority and Employer;
  - Property and Asset Management Service; and
  - Legal Services.
- 1.3 Milton Keynes Council:
- Revenues and Benefits.
- 1.4 Client Authorities:
- See section 4.

### 2. Delegation of Functions and Responsibilities

#### General Principles

- 2.1 The Councils each agree that the Shared Services listed above will be provided under the auspices of the Joint Committee (LGSS) which shall be responsible for the provision of the Shared Service under delegated authority from the Councils to the Joint Committee, which is set out set out below at Section 6.1 in respect of all of the Councils, at Section 6.2 in respect of CCC and NCC only, at Section 6.3 in respect of CCC only, at Section 6.4 in respect of NCC only and at Section 6.5 in respect of MKC only. These delegations are subject to the conditions, limitations and the specific reservations, set out below.
- 2.2 In order to facilitate the efficient and effective conduct of the Shared Services, the Joint Committee shall delegate certain functions and responsibilities to the LGSS Managing Director and to the LGSS Service Directors. The LGSS Managing Director and the LGSS Service Directors, where they consider it necessary, may sub-delegate to officers within their respective service Directorates. Such delegations must be made in writing and must be available for inspection by the Monitoring Officers and Section 151 Officers of the Councils.

- 2.3 Where an Officer listed in this scheme of Delegation is absent for any period, the LGSS Managing Director may nominate in writing another officer to act in his/her place during his/her absence and shall make a record of all such nominations. Without prejudice to the generality of the above and to any specific delegation listed below, the officers listed in this section are authorised to exercise the following functions of the Council, the Leader and the Head of Paid Service, which relate to their area of responsibility.

#### **Conditions Relating to the Exercise of Delegated Authority**

- 2.4 The exercise of functions delegated to officers under this scheme must comply with:
- i) any legal requirement or restriction
  - ii) the relevant Council's Constitution
  - iii) the relevant Council's policy framework and any other plans and strategies approved by the relevant Cabinet or Full Council/relevant Committee
  - iv) the relevant in-year budget
  - v) the relevant officers code of conduct
  - vi) relevant Procurement standing orders and financial regulations
  - vii) all other relevant policies, procedures, protocols and provisions.

#### **Limitations to the Exercise of Delegated Powers**

- 2.5 Officers in the exercise of functions delegated by this scheme may not:
- i) make Key Decisions as defined in the relevant Council's Constitution, unless where specifically provided for by that Council's constitution;
  - ii) change or contravene policies or strategies approved by the Council/Committee (in the case of CCC) or the Council/Cabinet (in the case of MKC or NCC) in the absence of specific delegated authority to do so;
  - iii) create or approve new policies or strategies, in the absence of specific delegated authority to do so;
  - iv) take decisions to withdraw public services, in the absence of specific delegated authority to do so;
  - v) take decisions to significantly modify public services without consulting the appropriate Cabinet Member (in the case of MKC and NCC) or Full Council/Committee Chairman/woman (in the case of CCC) before exercising the delegated power.

#### **Consultation**

- 2.6 Where an officer takes a decision under delegated authority on a matter which has significant policy, service or operational implications or is known to be politically sensitive, the officer shall first consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member (MKC or NCC) or Committee Chairman/woman (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman/woman) (CCC) before exercising the delegated powers. When exercising delegated powers, officers shall ensure that local Members are kept informed of matters affecting their divisions or wards.

### **3. Specific Delegations**

The delegations are listed as follows:

- Section 6.1 – All authorities (CCC, NCC and MKC);
- Section 6.2 – CCC and NCC only;
- Section 6.3 – CCC only;
- Section 6.4 – NCC only; and
- Section 6.5 – MKC only.

and in the following order:

- Not delegated;
- Delegated to Chief Executives;
- Delegated to all LGSS Directors;
- Delegated to LGSS Managing Director;
- Delegated to Specific LGSS Directors; and
- Delegated to Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer.

#### **4. Powers and Duties delegated by client authorities**

- 4.1 The LGSS Joint Committee shall be responsible for the provision of shared services under delegated authority from the councils concerned to the Joint Committee. The nature of services provided and the conditions, limitations and the specific reservations which apply are set out below. Where a council has delegated authority to the LGSS Joint Committee, those powers and duties shall be set out either generally or specifically in that council's constitution or scheme of delegation.
- 4.2 Under the auspices of the Partnership and Delegation Agreements in place between the client authorities and the Delegation and Joint Committee Agreement between Cambridgeshire County Council, Northamptonshire County Council and Milton Keynes Council (LGSS) and by virtue of Sections 101, 112 and 113 of the Local Government Act 1972, officers of the aforementioned authorities are authorised to undertake any and all of the specified functions on behalf of the client authorities.

#### **5. Financial Limitations**

The following table sets out the financial limits of powers delegated to the LGSS Joint Committee and directors:

<b>Limits of powers delegated to the LGSS Joint Committee</b>	<b>£</b>
Key decision threshold	500k (CCC, NCC) 100k (MKC)
Issuing orders for goods and services	500k (all)
Capital virement	250k (CCC), 100k (NCC), N/A (MKC)
Revenue virement	160k (CCC), 100k (NCC), N/A (MKC)*
Loans to people or organisations	5k (CCC), N/A (NCC)**, N/A (MKC)**
Loans and expenditure of client funds	300k (CCC), N/A (NCC), N/A (MKC)
Property transactions, capital value	500k (CCC), 100k (NCC), N/A (MKC)
Property transactions, Revenue value	150k (CCC), 100k (CCC), N/A (MKC)
Debt write off	10k (CCC), ? (NCC), 20k (MKC)

**\* Revenue Virements reserved to Chief Finance Officer at MKC, in accordance with the Financial Scheme of Delegation**

**\*\*Power to make loans reserved to Chief Finance Officer at NCC and MKC**

Exceptions: decisions relating to the management of services and resources where the matter is likely to lead to controversy or have an impact beyond that considered usual for a managerial decision. These decisions must be referred back to the Cabinet (MKC, NCC) or the relevant Service Committee (CCC).

## 6.1 Delegations from all authorities

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - General</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
To have overall responsibility for the provision, to the Councils, of the Shared Services.	None	In accordance with all relevant financial, accounting, constitutional and legal requirements
To consider and approve the annual report for LGSS.	None	
To consider and approve the annual service plan for each Shared Service and make recommendations to the Councils as to the provision of financial and other resources.	None	
To instigate and undertake the selection, recruitment and appointment to the post of LGSS Managing Director.	None	In accordance with any protocol agreed by the Joint Committee and in consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and the Chief Executives of the Partner Authorities.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - General</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
In respect of the LGSS Managing Director to: a) instigate disciplinary and capability investigations and proceedings and to take action up to and including dismissal, and b) implement all other relevant HR policies and exercise any associated decision-making powers.	Chief Executive	Where the authority concerned is the employing authority for LGSS Managing Director and in consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and in accordance with the relevant councils HR policies and procedures.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - General</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
LGSS Directors have responsibility for the operational management of the Shared Services, including authority to determine the number, grade, title and nature of staff deployed and all other terms and conditions, in addition to ensuring their proper management within the remit of those services for which they are allocated responsibility by the LGSS Managing Director.	LGSS Managing Director for all Shared Services.  All LGSS Directors in respect of the services within their remit.	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures and in consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and in accordance with the relevant Council's HR policies and procedures.

To arrange for and undertake the recruitment and appoint of all relevant employees with the exception of the LGSS Managing Director and LGSS Service Directors.	LGSS Managing Director and/or LGSS Directors.	In consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and in accordance with the relevant Council's HR policies and procedures.
In respect of Relevant Employees other than the LGSS Managing Director and LGSS Directors, to: a) instigate disciplinary and capability investigations and proceedings and to take action up to and including dismissal, and b) implement all other relevant HR policies and exercise any associated decision-making powers.	LGSS Managing Director and LGSS Directors (in relation to posts within their Directorate).	In consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and in accordance with the relevant Council's HR policies and procedures.
To invite tenders and to enter into contracts in respect of goods or services directly relating to the provision of the Shared Services.	LGSS Managing Director and/or LGSS Directors.	In accordance with relevant procurement standing orders and any financial limits in place.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - General</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
To arrange for and undertake the recruitment and appoint to, the posts of LGSS Directors.	LGSS Managing Director	In consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and in accordance with the relevant Council's HR policies and procedures.
In respect of the LGSS Directors, to a) instigate disciplinary and capability investigations and proceedings and to take action up to and including dismissal and appeal, and b) implement all other relevant HR policies and exercise any associated decision-making powers.	LGSS Managing Director	In consultation with the LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources or their nominee and in accordance with the relevant Council's HR policies and procedures and subject to the provisions of the Local Authority (Standing Orders) Regulations.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Finance Services</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Finance Services.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.

### Specific Reservations

The Delegated functions relating to Finance do not include the following Reserved Functions:

- approving financial strategies and plans on behalf of the councils;
- approval of corporate plans on behalf of the councils;
- approving schemes for the use of (non-LGSS) earmarked reserves or contingency provision;
- approval of the annual statement of accounts on behalf of the councils;
- approval of renewal terms for insurances; and
- approval of Financial Procedure Rules, Standing Orders and Procedures.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Internal Audit and Risk Management</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Internal Audit and Risk Management Services.	LGSS Director responsible for Internal Audit and Risk	In accordance with the Audit and Accounts Regulations 2003 or any successor legislation. Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.
To maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems in accordance with proper internal audit practices and be authorised to visit all establishments and have access to all documents, other records, computer systems and property and to require relevant information or explanation from any officer in connection with the above.	LGSS Director responsible for Internal Audit and Risk	

### **Specific Reservations**

The Delegated Functions relating to Internal Audit and Risk Management do not include the following Reserved Functions:

- Approval of each authority's Annual Governance Statement

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Insurance</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Insurance Services.	LGSS Director responsible for Insurance	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures and any relevant legislation.

### **Specific Reservations**

The Delegated Functions relating to Insurance do not include the following Reserved Functions:

- Policy and strategy decisions on Insurance and decisions which fall outside of the principles of decision making set out in Article 12 (CCC) and Article 14 (MKC and NCC) of the relevant authority's constitution.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - IT</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of IT Services.	LGSS Director responsible for IT	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.
Strategic and operational accountabilities for management of Information Technology development and systems administration.	LGSS Director responsible for IT	
Responsibility for the security of information technology and infrastructure.	LGSS Director responsible for IT	

### **Specific Reservations**

The Delegated Functions relating to IT do not include the following Reserved Function:

- Approval of IT Strategy and Policies where these are under the remit of the Cabinet (MKC and NCC) or Service Committee concerned (CCC).

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - Procurement</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of procurement services.	LGSS Director responsible for Procurement	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.

### **Specific Reservations**

The Delegated Functions relating to Procurement do not include the following Reserved Function:

- approval of the contract procedure rules and schemes of delegation relating to any Council's procurement activity.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Democratic &amp; Members' Services</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Democratic & Members' Services.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.

- Reservation on changes to the constitution and other matters which must be approved by Cabinet/ Council

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - Human Resources, Learning and Development and Transactional Services</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Human Resources, Learning and Development, HR and Finance Transactions and Payroll	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources LGSS Director responsible for Payroll and Finance Transactions	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.

To co-ordinate the Council's response to national consultations on terms and conditions of employment, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chairman/woman (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman/woman)	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	
To implement national and local pay awards/ changes to terms and conditions of employment for employees.	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	
To negotiate recognition agreements and local agreements with the trade unions on behalf of the councils, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chairman/woman (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman/woman)	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	
To consult and negotiate agreements and local agreements with the trade unions on behalf of all 3 shareholding councils through the LGSS Joint Consultation Forum for all staff working for services under the remit of the LGSS Joint Committee. Full delegation to consult and negotiate on changes to local agreements, protocols, changes to LGSS structures and roles across all LGSS employees irrespective of which their employing council is. In the event of a dispute this would be referred to the LGSS Joint Committee. Any proposed changes to terms and conditions of employment affecting all LGSS staff would be routed back to each Council's local consultation forums	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	
To co-ordinate the Council's response to retention/recruitment problems within the agreed financial and policy framework, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chairman/woman (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman/woman)	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	
To advise the Chief Executive on the Council's response to any industrial action affecting Council services, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member or Committee Chairman/woman (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman/woman)), so that he/she can determine the Council's response.	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	
To mediate on individual cases or collective disputes to attempt to resolve issues before they are referred to members either at appeal or via the collective disputes procedure	LGSS Director responsible for Human Resources	

### Specific Reservations

The Delegated Functions relating to Human Resources do not include the following Reserved Functions:

- appointment of Officers other than Relevant Employees



- decision making on disciplinary, grievance, dismissal and appeals against dismissal, relating to Officers other than Relevant Employees
- decision making on disciplinary, grievance, dismissal and appeals against dismissal for the Head of Paid Service and Chief Officers of the Councils.

## 6.2 Delegations from CCC and NCC only

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee - Pensions</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Pensions Services.	LGSS Director responsible for Pensions	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Property Services</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Property Services.	LGSS Director responsible for Property Services	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.

### Specific Reservations

The Delegated Functions relating to Property do not include the following Reserved Function:

- approval of the Property strategies and policies.

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Legal Services</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
Authority for management of Legal Services.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	Subject to budget and in accordance with the relevant Council's policies and procedures.
Obtaining information or serving statutory notices to ascertain the legal interest of any person in land.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
To authorise the institution, defence, withdrawal, compromise or any other action relating to claims or legal proceedings at common law or under any enactment, statutory instrument, order or bylaw conferring functions upon the authorities or in respect of functions undertaken by the authorities.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
To authorise officers to prosecute or defend or appear in any legal proceedings by virtue of the provisions of Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
To affix the common seal to all documents necessary to bring into effect decisions of the Councils or any Committee, Sub-Committee or officer in pursuance of powers delegated by or on behalf of the Council.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	

### 6.3 Delegations from CCC only

Delegation to JC from CCC – Legal Services	Delegation to Officer	Condition
To make applications for the grant of Letters of Administration for the use and benefit of children in the care of CCC.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
To determine whether an application for planning permission is required for CCC Matters (Minerals and Waste); and to determine whether planning permission is required in respect of development to be carried out by CCC.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	

### 6.4 Delegations from NCC only

Delegation to JC from NCC – Legal Services	Delegation to Officer	Condition
Confirming orders if no objections are received to proposals for the stopping up or diversion of public footpaths and bridleways to enable development to take place following the granting of planning permission.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Affixing NCC's seal to agreements where developers or landowners propose to provide or make contributions to the provision of education or other facilities required as a result of the proposed development.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Determining appeals by firefighters.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Acting as the Appointed Person under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Discharging the Council's functions under the Data Protection Act 1998, Freedom of Information Act 2000 and regulations made thereunder and under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and under all associated legislation	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Power to authorise the instigation of a formal complaint or similar, with regards to any individual or organisation to a professional body.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
To make representations in the name of the Council in the interests of the inhabitants of Northamptonshire at any public inquiry held by or on behalf of any minister or public body under any enactment.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	

<p>Powe, on behalf of the Council:</p> <p>(i) To prepare all contracts, leases and agreements affecting NCC land or property and in any case where the LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law considers it necessary a formal contract for the supply of goods and materials, the provision of services or the execution of works;</p> <p>(ii) To enter into any agreement or deed granting any wayleave or easement or similar right over or appurtenant to any property of NCC;</p> <p>(iii) To attest the affixing of NCC's seal in circumstances where this is required;</p> <p>(iv) To approve the form of agreements under hand relating to matters of ordinary administration;</p> <p>(v) To enter into all legal documents other than those under seal and those to which the above item (iv) bullet point applies.</p>	<p>LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law</p>	
<p>Instituting and conducting on behalf of NCC proceedings for offences under the provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 in consultation with the Chief Fire Officer.</p>	<p>LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law</p>	
<p>Conveying to the appropriate trustees the sites and buildings of any voluntary school.</p>	<p>LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law</p>	
<p>In consultation with the Director for Adult Social Services, recovering charges due to the Council under Part III of the National Assistance Act 1948 from a person in residential accommodation or third parties liable for the charges under the Health and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 and to create a charge on the land of the resident pursuant to the last mentioned Act and to enter into or discharge any Agreement or Deed with the resident or an interested third party relating to the recovery of the charges.</p>	<p>LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law</p>	
<p>In consultation with the Director for Adult Social Services, giving a discharge or postponement of any Legal Charge in NCC's favour on property the subject of a grant for adaptation works under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.</p>	<p>LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law</p>	
<p>Determining applications for NCC development of land or buildings under The Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992. Any application to which the Director considers objections should be raised to be referred to the Development Control Committee for determination.</p>	<p>LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law</p>	

Carrying out the Council's powers and duties concerning the giving of directions to persons residing unlawfully in vehicles on land without consent to remove their vehicles on pain of prosecution and authority to enter into arrangements with neighbouring local authorities under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, in this respect when such action is considered to be expedient.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Agreeing appointments to the Northamptonshire Valuation Tribunal on behalf of the Council.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Power to execute transfers of land and other property and any documents ancillary to the transfer of staff where those documents are required to be made under the following enactments: The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, The Education Act 2002 and The Academies Act 2010.	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	
Power to affix the Council's seal to any document necessary as a result of a scheme made under Schedule 2 of the Courts Act 2003 for the transfer of property used by Magistrates Courts	LGSS Director responsible for LGSS Law	

<b>Delegation to LGSS Joint Committee – Finance Services</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
To determine and implement arrangements for Treasury Management in accordance with the (CIPFA) Treasury Management in the Public Services Code of Practice, NCC's approved Treasury Management Policy Statement and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy, Financial Procedure Rules and any other arrangements approved by NCC, including appointment of investment advisors.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To be responsible for authorising and operating NCC's banking arrangements including determining arrangements for the signing and security of cheques and the operation of the BACS, CHAPS and Direct Debit processes.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To commission investigations and reports, where appropriate, in support of NCC's Anti-Fraud Policy and financial governance arrangements.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To ensure NCC pays its creditors and recovers its debts in line with agreed policies and to write off bad or irrecoverable debts or deficiencies in accordance with agreed policies.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To implement national and local pay awards and increase payments under the Pension Increase Acts.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	

In consultation with relevant Chief Officer, to approve the early retirement of staff who are subject to the Local Government Superannuation Regulations.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To make finance lease arrangements.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To manage the deployment of NCC's revenue and capital resources including any resources allocated for joint working.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To represent and act on behalf of NCC in connection with bankruptcies including meetings of creditors.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Approval of supplementary estimates of expenditure in the case of emergencies or disasters affecting Northamptonshire.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Providing financial information to the media and members of the public.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Power to deal with all insurance cover and the settlement of claims.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Power to maintain NCC's responsibility for maintaining the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 1997, and any subsequent amending regulations, including the exercise of the Administering Authority's discretion and to make arrangements for the monitoring of the Pension Fund investments.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Power to approve the acquisition of land and buildings and interests in land and buildings where the consideration is less than £500k.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Power to declare land and buildings surplus to requirements, to authorise the demolition of buildings and to authorise the disposal of land and buildings and interests in land and buildings where the consideration is no greater than £500,000	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
The entering into of leases, easements, licences and wayleaves in respect to real property where annual consideration is less than £25,000 and/or the duration of the agreement does not exceed 10 years.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
The surrender of leases, easements, licenses and wayleaves in respect to real property.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
The imposition and acceptance of the benefit of restrictive covenants in respect to the Council's real property and any modifications or discharge of such restrictive covenants.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	

The grant or acceptance of grant of assignment, under-lease or sub-lease of leases of real property.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Power to dispose of land and/or buildings to a utility company or similar statutory body where the land and/or buildings are required for the exercise of the statutory function of the utility company or similar statutory body, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Power to grant a lease or licence of land and/or buildings to a utility company or similar statutory body where such a licence is required for the exercise of the statutory functions of the utility company or similar body, following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To authorise the granting of a lease or licence over land and/or buildings on concessionary terms for a period not exceeding 10 years to charitable and not for profit organisations.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To authorise the appropriation of land and buildings between directorates for statutory purposes.	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To negotiate and authorise revised rents or fees for existing leases, easements, wayleaves and licences at review dates in accordance with existing provisions within the lease, easement, licence and wayleaves	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Agreeing compensation payable in respect of tenant's improvements in accordance with compensation provisions of leases and licences	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Agreeing settlement of claims for disturbance under Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 or under any other statutory compensation provisions where no land is being acquired from the claimant	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
Leasing or granting a licence for the occupation of properties acquired in advance of requirements	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To serve notice on riparian owners/occupiers to carry out land drainage work	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To authorise the acquisition of land and buildings where such land and buildings are the subject of a valid blight notice	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	
To make applications for planning permission and listed building consent on behalf of the Council to the Council or other statutory planning bodies	LGSS Director responsible for Finance	

## 6.5 Delegations from Milton Keynes Council

Delegation to JC from MKC – Revenues and Benefits Services	Delegation to Officer	Condition
Authority for management of Revenues and Benefits Services.	LGSS MKC Corporate Resources Director	<b>Subject to the Council's policies and procedures</b>

### Specific Reservations

The Delegated Functions relating to Revenues and Benefits from Milton Keynes Council do not include the following Reserved Function:

- The approval of the Council Tax base, Business rates baseline, Local Welfare Reform Policy and Local Council Tax reduction Policy.

## 6.6 Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer Delegations

Each authority is responsible for assigning the roles of Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer to specific posts within their structures. These roles may be designated to LGSS officers but this need not be the case. For this reason, the powers and duties associated with these roles have been separated from those allocated to LGSS Officer. The posts to which these roles are designated are set out in each authority's articles.

### Monitoring Officer - Cambridgeshire County Council

Power or Duty	Delegation to Officer	Condition
To make such amendments to the CCC Constitution and related Documents, as may from time to time become necessary to reflect and take account of changes in legislation, guidance, Council Policy, decisions of the Council and any drafting changes or improvements. This shall not include any changes of substance.	Monitoring Officer (CCC)	In consultation with Group Leaders. Not to be exercised if any Group Leader objects to the proposed change.
To act as the Proper Officer for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulations made there under, except where legislation or the Scheme of Delegation names another officer.	Monitoring Officer (CCC)	
In cases of dispute, to decide upon a Member's "need to know".	Monitoring Officer (CCC)	
To agree procedures for the conduct of all appeals heard by the CCC Service Appeals Sub-Committee.	Monitoring Officer (CCC)	
To agree procedures for the conduct of CCC Education Admission and Exclusion Appeals and the selection and appointment of members to CCC appeals panels.	Monitoring Officer (CCC)	

### Monitoring Officer - Northamptonshire County Council

Please refer to the relevant section of [Northamptonshire County Council's constitution](#) for details of the powers and duties of the Monitoring Officer (NCC)

## Monitoring Officer – Milton Keynes Council

Please refer to the relevant section of [Milton Keynes Council's constitution](#) for details of the powers and duties of the Monitoring Officer (MKC)

## Chief Financial Officer - Cambridgeshire County Council

Delegation to JC from CCC – Finance Services	Delegation to Officer	Condition
The management of trust funds on behalf of CCC.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
The Treasury Management function including the management of debt and the borrowing and investment of money (excluding the Superannuation Fund).	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
Approval of CCC's banking facilities; arrangements for the signing and security of cheques, etc.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
Capital financing determinations under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 where these may be made by an officer.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
Approval of supplementary estimates of expenditure under Section 138 of the Local Government Act 1972 (emergencies or disasters affecting.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To approve any detailed schemes of local financial management.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To approve the implementation of local financial systems.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To write off bad or irrecoverable debts or deficiencies relating to stores or property up to a maximum amount set out in the Council's constitution or unlimited if the debtor is bankrupt/insolvent; unable to be traced; in prison and has no means to pay; or there is no, or uncertain liability.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To make loans in furtherance of service objectives to other persons or organisations up to a maximum amount set out in the Council's constitution.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To approve loans and expenditure financed from the Invest to Transform Fund, Partnership Fund, Capital Financing Fund and Environmental Fund subject to certain financial limits set out in the Council's constitution.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	



To determine requests for CCC to act as co-guarantor for leases held by voluntary organisations and charities, in consultation with the appropriate Committee Chairman/woman (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman/woman).	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To authorise, in consultation with the Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults, schools to plan for a deficit budget to finance exceptional purchases/ projects.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To review and increase financial limits on an annual basis, taking account of inflation, subject to consultation with the relevant portfolio holder.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To sign off grant claims.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	

<b>Delegation to JC from CCC - Pensions</b>	<b>Delegation to Officer</b>	<b>Condition</b>
To determine all future applications to join CCC's superannuation fund as an admitted body after consultation with the Chairman/woman of the Pension Fund Board.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To determine any applications to CCC for recommencement of the payment of a widow's pension.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To determine future applications to CCC for the early payment of deferred pension rights.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To exercise the discretion as to whom any lump sum death grant should be paid out from the CCC Pension Fund.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
Detailed implementation of the investment strategy as determined by the Pension Fund Board and the issuing of any instructions to investment managers consistent with the strategy or required as a matter of urgency to safeguard CCC's position.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	
To agree any 'whole fund' parameters and assumptions used by the Actuary for the triennial fund valuation and the phasing of any changes to employer contribution rates after consultation with the Chairman/woman of the Pension Fund Board.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (CCC)	

### Chief Financial Officer - Northamptonshire County Council

Delegation to JC from CCC	Delegation to Officer	Condition
To exercise the proper administration of the Council's financial affairs under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, and all other relevant legislation and regulations.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
To be responsible for ensuring that proper accounts and records are maintained in line with relevant legislation, accounting standards and CIPFA's Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP); and that signed and approved accounts are completed and published	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
To review and approve detailed operational financial procedures and ensure these implement the Council's Financial Procedure Rules	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
To ensure that the financial management of the Council is adequate and effective and that the following arrangements are in place:- 1. a sound system of internal control; 2. arrangements for the management of risk 3. arrangements as are appropriate to mitigate the potential financial impact on the Council of assessed risks.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
To ensure that the Council has sufficient reserves and operating capital to effectively discharge its responsibilities and meet its objectives.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
Contributing to the corporate management of the Council in particular through the provision of professional financial advice and ensuring lawfulness and prudence of decision-making.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
Providing advice on the scope of powers and authority to take decisions, maladministration, financial impropriety, probity and budget and policy framework issues to all councillors and to support and advise councillors and officers in their respective roles.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
To nominate an officer to undertake all the decision making powers of the Chief Finance Officer in his absence – The Deputy Chief Finance Officer. In the absence of the Chief Finance Officer all decision making powers of the Chief Finance Officer shall be the responsibility of the Deputy Chief Finance Officer.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	
Power to make loans to banks, financial institutions and other organisations in accordance with the Treasury Management Strategy and Financial Procedure Rules.	Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (NCC)	

### Chief Financial Officer – Milton Keynes Council

This responsibility is retained by Milton Keynes Council. Please refer to the relevant section of [Milton Keynes Council's constitution](#) for details of the powers and duties of the Chief Financial Officer.