

Appendix A

Camden/Islington/Haringey Joint Committee Terms of Reference

Establishment of the Joint Committee:

The Joint Committee shall be known as the “Shared ICT and Digital Service Joint Committee”

The Joint Committee is established under section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, as applied by section 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000 and Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 by the Executives of each of the Councils.

Membership:

1. The Joint Committee shall comprise of six members, two appointed by each of Camden Council, Islington Council and Haringey Council (“the Councils”).
2. One member appointed by each council should be the relevant Cabinet/Executive member responsible for information/digital technology
3. Every member appointed to the Joint Committee shall be a member of the Executive/Cabinet of their council. Should they cease to be a member of the Executive/Cabinet they will cease to be members of this Joint Committee. Political balance rules do not apply.
4. Each Council may nominate substitute Members who must be a member of the respective Executive/Cabinet to attend meetings of the Joint Committee, should an appointed member of the Joint Committee be unavailable or unable to attend a meeting of the Joint Committee. A substitute Member attending in the absence of an appointed member will have full voting rights
5. Each Member of the Joint Committee shall be appointed annually but shall cease to be a member if s/he ceases to be a member of the Council appointing him/her or of its Cabinet/Executive or if removed by the relevant Leader.

Terms of Reference:

The Camden/Islington/Haringey Joint Committee will:

1. Provide democratic oversight over the strategic delivery of the joint digital service (the Joint Service) provided to the Councils through powers delegated to it by their Executives/Cabinets.
2. Approve the strategic service and financial plan for the service and the performance measures to ensure services are delivered to the agreed standard and within the resources provided by the Councils.
3. Receive updates on the Business Plan and the performance of the Joint Service.

4. Agree the procurement strategy for contracts relating to the Joint Service the estimated value of which exceeds £2m revenue or £5m capital and to award such contracts.
5. Suggest revisions to the Terms of Reference of the Camden/Islington/Haringey Joint Committee to be referred back to the Leaders and/or Executive/Cabinet of each of the Council's for approval.
6. Receive and consider a detailed report, within twelve months of the creation of the Joint Committee [by October 2017] that considers the options for the Shared Digital and ICT Service to be delivered via a public services company rather than a Joint Committee structure and make recommendations to the Cabinet/Executive of each of the Councils in respect of the report.
7. Delegate all matters not specified at 1-6 to the Chief Digital and Information Officer and may delegate any other matters within its terms of reference to an officer of any of the Councils. The Joint Committee shall not delegate a function to or create any Sub-Committees.
8. Notwithstanding delegation of any matters to an officer the Joint Committee may itself make decision on any such matters.

Meetings of the Committee:

1. The Camden/Islington/Haringey Joint Committee will meet at least twice a year.
2. Further meetings may be called by the Head of Paid Service of any of the Councils as required.
3. Meetings of the Joint Committee shall be held at the venue or venues as agreed by the Joint Committee or in respect of meetings called by a Head of Paid Service, at the venue determined by the person calling the meeting.
4. The Joint Committee shall appoint one of its nominated members as Chair and that member shall remain Chair for one year unless he or she ceases to be a Member of the Joint Committee. Each of the Councils shall hold the Chair for one year only and each Council shall hold the Chair in the following sequence (Year 1: London Borough of Camden; Year 2: London Borough of Islington; Year 3: London Borough of Haringey) and so on and so forth unless otherwise agreed between the Parties.
5. A meeting of the Joint Committee shall require a quorum of one Member of each Council who are entitled to attend and vote.
6. Subject to the provisions of any enactment, all questions coming or arising before the Joint Committee shall be decided by a majority of the Members of the Joint Committee immediately present and voting thereon. Subject to the provisions of any enactment, in the case of an equality of votes the Chair shall have a second or casting vote but before exercising this, the Chair shall consider whether it is appropriate to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.
7. Any Member of the Joint Committee may request the Joint Committee to record the votes of individual Members of the Joint Committee on a matter for decision.

8. In its operation and functioning the Joint Committee shall, unless varied within these Terms of Reference, be governed and abide by the Camden Committee procedure rules and standing orders applying to Committees of the Council.
9. Any member of the Councils who is not a Member of the Joint Committee is entitled to attend the Joint Committee but he/she shall not be entitled to vote, shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of any business, save by leave of the Chair
10. Meetings of the Joint Committee will be open to the public except to the extent that they are excluded under paragraph 12.
11. All decisions of the Joint Committee will be deemed Key Decisions.
12. The public may be excluded from a meeting of the Joint Committee during an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that, if members of the public were present during that item, confidential information as defined in section 100A(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 or exempt information as defined in section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.
13. Each Council may call in any decision of the Joint Committee in accordance with the overview and scrutiny provisions of that Council's constitution. If any decision of the Joint Committee is subject to call in by a Council, the Joint Committee and officers shall take no irreversible action to implement that decision until after the call in process is completed.
14. All papers to be considered and/or decided on by the Joint Committee shall be provided to the Committee in electronic format.