

Article 10 – Area Committees

10.01 Area Committees

The Council will appoint four area committees, each comprising all those district council members elected from that area

10.02 Form, composition and function

- (a) **Table of Area Committees.** The Council will appoint the area committees as set out in the first column of the table below, composed of those councillors representing the wards set out in the second column of that table.

Name of Committee	Wards – effective from May 2019
Area South Committee	Brympton Coker Yeovil College Yeovil Lyde Yeovil Summerlands Yeovil Westland Yeovil Without
Area East Committee	Blackmoor Vale Bruton Camelot Cary Ivelchester Milborne Port Northstone, Ivelchester & St. Michaels Tower Wincanton
Area West Committee	Blackdown & Tatworth Chard Avishayes Char Combe Char Crimchard Chard Holyrood Chard Jocelyn Crewkerne Eggwood Ilminster Neroche Parrett Windwhistle
Area North Committee	Burrow Hill Curry Rivel, Huish & Langport Hamdon Islemoor Martock South Petherton Turn Hill Wessex

This arrangement means that political balance on an area committee will not necessarily reflect the political balance of the Council overall. An area committee has some executive functions delegated to it by the District Executive such as local grant-giving and is responsible for the area budget. It also has functions, which are not the responsibility of the Executive, such as planning and community initiatives.

- (b) **Delegations.** The Council and the District Executive will include details of the delegations to area committees in Part 3 of this Constitution. It shows which delegated functions are the responsibility of the District Executive and which are not, the composition and membership of the committees, budgets and any limitations on delegation.

10.03 Conflicts of interest – membership of Area Committees and Scrutiny Committee or Scrutiny Commission

Conflict of interest. If the Scrutiny Committee is scrutinising specific decisions or proposals in relation to the business of the area committee of which the councillor concerned is a member, then the councillor may not speak or vote at the Scrutiny Committee meeting without the consent of the Chairman.

10.04 Area Committees – access to information

Area committees will comply with the Access to Information Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

Agendas and notices for area committee meetings which deal with both functions of the District Executive and functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive will state clearly which items are which.

10.05 District Executive members on Area Committees

A member of the District Executive will serve on the Area Committee for which they are eligible as a councillor.