

# Article 10 - Area Committees

## 10.01 Area Committees

- (a) The Council may appoint area committees under the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) as it sees fit, if it is satisfied that to do so will ensure improved service delivery in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making.
- (b) The Council has created six Area Committees (one with 13 Members, three with 15 Members and two with 16 Members) which are coterminous with the six Parliamentary constituencies and have therefore been named "Area Committees".

## 10.02 Form, Composition and Function

- (a) **Table of Area Committees:** The Council will appoint the Area Committees as set out below. The number of Members per Committee assumes that the six Members whose division covers two constituencies would join and attend the committee covering the area in which the majority of the Member's constituents reside, with the right to attend and speak at the other committee, but not vote or move motions. This is subject to situations where the split of constituents is finely balanced to a 1% variation, in which case the Member must decide, in their discretion and with the agreement of the Chairs of both committees, which of the two committees the Member shall join and attend as set out in this paragraph.

NAME OF COMMITTEE	COMPOSITION
Skipton and Ripon Area Committee	15 Members representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boroughbridge &amp; Claro (part)</li><li>• Aire Valley</li><li>• Bentham &amp; Ingleton</li><li>• Glusburn, Cross Hills &amp; Sutton-in-Craven</li><li>• Masham &amp; Fountains (part)</li><li>• Mid Craven</li><li>• Pateley Bridge &amp; Nidderdale</li><li>• Ripon Minster &amp; Moorside</li><li>• Ripon Ure Bank &amp; Spa</li><li>• Settle &amp; Penyghent</li><li>• Skipton East &amp; South</li><li>• Skipton North &amp; Embsay-with-Eastby</li><li>• Skipton West &amp; West Craven</li><li>• Wathvale &amp; Bishop Monkton</li><li>• Wharfedale</li><li>• Washburn &amp; Birstwith (part)</li></ul>

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Richmond (Yorks) Area Committee	16 Members representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aiskew &amp; Leeming</li> <li>• Bedale</li> <li>• Catterick Village &amp; Brompton-on-Swale</li> <li>• Great Ayton</li> <li>• Hillside &amp; Raskelf (part)</li> <li>• Hipswell &amp; Colburn</li> <li>• Hutton Rudby &amp; Osmotherley</li> <li>• Leyburn &amp; Middleham</li> <li>• Morton-on-Swale &amp; Appleton Wiske (part)</li> <li>• North Richmondshire</li> <li>• Northallerton North &amp; Brompton</li> <li>• Northallerton South</li> <li>• Richmond</li> <li>• Romanby</li> <li>• Scotton &amp; Lower Wensleydale</li> <li>• Stokesley</li> <li>• Upper Dales</li> </ul>
Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee	13 Members representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilton &amp; Nidd Gorge</li> <li>• Bilton Grange &amp; New Park</li> <li>• Boroughbridge &amp; Claro (part)</li> <li>• Coppice Valley &amp; Duchy</li> <li>• Fairfax &amp; Starbeck</li> <li>• Harlow &amp; St Georges</li> <li>• High Harrogate &amp; Kingsley</li> <li>• Killinghall, Hampsthwaite &amp; Saltergate</li> <li>• Knaresborough East</li> <li>• Knaresborough West</li> <li>• Masham &amp; Fountains (part)</li> <li>• Oatlands &amp; Pannal</li> <li>• Ouseburn (part)</li> <li>• Stray, Woodlands &amp; Hookstone</li> <li>• Valley Gardens &amp; Central Harrogate</li> </ul>

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Thirsk and Malton Area Committee	15 Members representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amotherby &amp; Ampleforth</li> <li>• Easingwold</li> <li>• Filey</li> <li>• Helmsley &amp; Sinnington</li> <li>• Hillside &amp; Raskelf (part)</li> <li>• Huby &amp; Tollerton</li> <li>• Hunmanby &amp; Sherburn</li> <li>• Kirkbymoorside &amp; Dales</li> <li>• Malton</li> <li>• Morton-on-Swale &amp; Appleton Wiske (part)</li> <li>• Norton</li> <li>• Pickering</li> <li>• Sheriff Hutton &amp; Derwent</li> <li>• Sowerby &amp; Topcliffe</li> <li>• Thirsk</li> <li>• Thornton Dale &amp; Wolds</li> </ul>
Scarborough and Whitby Area Committee	15 Members representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Castle</li> <li>• Cayton</li> <li>• Danby &amp; Mulgrave</li> <li>• Derwent Valley &amp; Moor</li> <li>• Eastfield</li> <li>• Esk Valley &amp; Coast</li> <li>• Falsgrave &amp; Stepney</li> <li>• Newby</li> <li>• Northstead</li> <li>• Scalby &amp; the Coast</li> <li>• Seamer</li> <li>• Weaponness &amp; Ramshill</li> <li>• Whitby Streonshalh</li> <li>• Whitby West</li> <li>• Woodlands</li> </ul>

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Selby and Ainsty Area Committee	16 Members representing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appleton Roebuck &amp; Church Fenton</li> <li>• Barby &amp; Riccall</li> <li>• Boroughbridge &amp; Claro (part)</li> <li>• Brayton &amp; Barlow</li> <li>• Camblesforth &amp; Carlton</li> <li>• Cawood &amp; Escrick</li> <li>• Cliffe &amp; North Duffield</li> <li>• Monk Fryston &amp; South Milford</li> <li>• Osgoldcross</li> <li>• Ouseburn (part)</li> <li>• Selby East</li> <li>• Selby West 1</li> <li>• Selby West 2</li> <li>• Sherburn in Elmet</li> <li>• Spofforth with Lower Wharfedale &amp; Tockwith</li> <li>• Tadcaster</li> <li>• Thorpe Willoughby &amp; Hambleton</li> <li>• Washburn &amp; Birstwith (part)</li> </ul>

All Area Committees shall have power to co-opt additional members, but no co-opted members shall have the right to vote unless the law so requires. No co-opted member who has been given the right to vote may vote on the question of whether any other co-opted member(s) should have that right or on whether they or any other co-opted member should continue to have that right.

- (b) **Terms of reference:** All Area Committees have the same terms of references in relation to their respective areas as set out in Part 3.
- (c) **Delegations:** The Council and the Executive will include details of the delegations to Area Committees in Part 3 of this Constitution, including the functions delegated (showing which are the responsibility of the Executive and which are not), the composition and membership of the committees, budgets and any limitations on delegation.
- (d) **Finance:** Area Committees will exercise overall responsibility for the finances made available to them.
- (e) **Liaison with Executive:** The Area Committees are able to report issues of concern directly to Executive either through the appropriate Executive Member or as an agenda item at a public meeting of Executive.

### 10.03 Conflicts of interest – Membership of Area Committees and Overview and Scrutiny Committees

- (a) **Conflict of interest:** If an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scrutinising specific decisions or proposals in relation to the business of the Area Committee of which an Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor is also a member, then the Councillor concerned may not take part in the discussion or

vote at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting if they were present at the Area Committee meeting in question and took part in the decision making (except that a Councillor may provide evidence or opinion to those undertaking any scrutiny process), unless a dispensation to do so is given by the Standards and Governance Committee.

- (b) **General policy reviews:** Where an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is reviewing policy generally the Member must declare their interest before the relevant agenda item is reached, but need not withdraw.

#### **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 may deal with both functions of the Executive and functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive: non-executive functions will be marked with an asterisk (\*).

#### **10.05 Executive members on Area Committees**

A member of the Executive may serve on an Area Committee if otherwise eligible to do so as a Councillor.