

Part 3E

(Article 12)

JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

1. HENFIELD COMMONS JOINT COMMITTEE

Membership:	The two councillors of the District Council for the Henfield Ward and one councillor of the District Council for the Bramber, Upper Beeding and Woodmancote Ward and three parish councillors from Henfield Parish Council.
Functions:	The management of Henfield Common, Broadmere Common, Oreham Common and Tanyard Field open space.

2. INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY JOINT COMMITTEE

Membership:	The Joint Committee shall comprise two councillors from each Council [Adur, Horsham and Mid Sussex District Councils] (or such greater number of councillors as the Councils may agree providing equal representation from each Council) who shall be members of the relevant Council's executive (where such Council is operating executive arrangements). In making its appointments to the Joint Committee each Council will ensure that its members are empowered to take decisions. In the event of an appointed councillor being unable to attend any meeting of the Joint Committee, the relevant executive or appointing body may appoint a substitute member provided that prior written notice of such substitution is given to the Head of Financial and Legal Services.
Functions:	<p>To co-ordinate the procurement of information and communication technology hardware software and associated services and the management and maintenance of the same and for that purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) to provide strategic direction to the Board(b) to agree the Programme(c) to agree any modifications to the Programme



- (d) to agree the Projects comprised within the Programme
- (e) to monitor the implementation of the Programme
- (f) to keep under review the workings of this Agreement and to propose (as appropriate) the creation of special purpose vehicles for the achievement of the Strategic Purposes including companies, formal partnerships or consortia, the expansion of the joint working arrangements under the Agreement to include other local authorities, the conclusion of contracts with other persons and the provision of services, supplies and works to other persons
- (g) to appoint the Programme Director
- (h) regularly to report to each of the Councils on its activities.

Note: the Board, the Programme, the Projects, the Strategic Purposes, the Programme Director are defined by reference to an Agreement dated 1st October 2004 between Adur District Council, Horsham District Council and Mid Sussex District Council.



3. SOUTH DOWNS JOINT COMMITTEE

Membership:

The Committee shall subject to paragraphs 4(2) and (3) of the Agreement consist of 45 members who shall be appointed as follows:

15 on the nomination of the Countryside Agency
5 by Hampshire County Council
4 by East Sussex County Council
5 by West Sussex County Council
3 by Brighton and Hove City Council
2 by Chichester District Council
2 by East Hampshire District Council
1 by Adur District Council
1 by Arun District Council
1 by Eastbourne Borough Council
1 by Lewes District Council
1 by Horsham District Council
1 by Mid Sussex District Council
1 by Wealden District Council
1 by Winchester District Council
1 by Worthing Borough Council

Any authority may agree with one or more of the other authorities or agencies to make a joint appointment of one or more representatives provided that the total number of representatives is not exceeded.[East Hampshire District Council and Winchester City Council have agreed to appoint one of their total of three representatives jointly].

The Countryside Agency may nominate any persons as members of the Committee, but before doing so it shall invite the following organisations to put forward nominations to them and shall consider any nominations which may be put forward:

Action in Rural Sussex
The British Horse Society
Campaign to Protect Rural England
Community Action Hampshire
Country Land and Business Association
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
English Heritage
English Nature
Environment Agency
Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies
Forestry Commission



Government Office for the South East
Hampshire Association of Town and Parish Councils
Hampshire & IOW Naturalists Trust
Land Access and Recreation Association
National Farmers Union
National Trust
Ramblers Association
Society of Sussex Downsmen
Sport England South East
South East England Development Agency
Sussex Archaeological Society
Sussex Association of Local Councils
Sussex Wildlife Trust
Trail Riders Fellowship
Tourism South East, and
such other organisations as the Agency consider appropriate in the interests of securing representation of persons interested in the protection and enhancement of the Sussex Downs and East Hampshire Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
In putting forward nominations the Countryside Agency shall, if possible, ensure that at least 3 nominees (on a geographically spread basis) can represent parish interests.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt such additional members as it determines within the rules for Joint Committees and shall so co-opt the Chairman of the South Downs Advisory Forum (see paragraph 5).

The area to which the Agreement relates shall be the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as defined in the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Designation Order 1965 and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty as defined in the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Designation Order 1961



Functions:**Objectives**

- (1) In recognition of the national importance and value of the South Downs, the objectives of the Committee shall be:
 - (a) To protect, conserve and enhance the natural beauty and amenity of the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including their physical, ecological and cultural landscape;
 - (b) To raise awareness of, and promote the quiet informal enjoyment of, the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty by the general public but only so far as is consistent with the first objective;
 - (c) Generally to promote sustainable forms of economic and social development especially working with farmers and landowners to encourage land management which supports the two objectives above.
 - (d) To foster the social and economic wellbeing of communities within the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Terms of Reference

- (2) The Committee shall have the following duties:
 - (a) To appoint one South Downs Officer and direct the work of the South Downs Officers staff.
 - (b) In consultation with the constituent local authorities and the Advisory Forum to produce, implement, monitor and from time to time review a management plan for the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
 - (c) To take a strategic view of those issues which might affect the South Downs and pass comments to the relevant authority in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference.



(d) To maintain an integrated Countryside Management Service for the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which shall be responsible for implementation of the South Downs Management Plan and a programme of works to enhance the landscape and conservation interests of the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty or parts of them and achieve the objectives of Areas of designation.

(e) To raise awareness of and promote the work of the Committee and to improve understanding of the special features of the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

(f) In such geographical areas as shall be agreed between the Committee and the responsible constituent local authority, all or some of the following areas of work may be undertaken:

(i) Management and maintenance of such areas of land for public access including country parks, picnic sites, nature reserves, common land and open spaces and securing compliance with bylaws and other legislation as shall be agreed with the relevant constituent local authority;

(ii) Management and maintenance of the rights of way network and encouragement of its use;

(iii) Management and maintenance of the South Downs Way and encouragement of its use;

(iv) Extension and improvement of public access through management and access agreements, the creation of new paths by agreement and circular walks and rides in accordance with Rights of Way Improvement Plans where they exist.

(v) Provision of new informal recreation facilities such as car parks, interpretation, visitor centres and information services.



- (vi) Improvement of visitor management services to reconcile potential conflicts between visitors and environmental interests and to enhance public enjoyment.
- (g) To make observations to the constituent councils and to regional bodies on the exercise of their town and country planning responsibilities as they affect the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including:
 - (i) the implications of regional strategic and local planning policy;
 - (ii) the preparation and implementation of such formal planning documents as may affect the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and/or the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
 - (iii) the preparation and provision of design guidelines or other supplementary planning guidance;
 - (iv) the effects of development proposals in the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in accordance with such Development Control Scheme as shall be in effect including the preparation of Article 4 directions. [The Development Control Scheme is set out in Annex 1 to this Agreement.].
- (h) To agree and implement an education and interpretation strategy for the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
 - (i) To promote and support co-ordinated action, by relevant statutory agencies, meeting Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty purposes.
 - (j) To provide advice and grant aid to owners and occupiers of land, and local communities to secure the Committee's objectives.
 - (k) With the assistance and support of the Advisory forum to stimulate and encourage voluntary activity compatible with the objectives of the Committee, including local community involvement and the establishment of a voluntary ranger service.



(l) To act as a forum of communication between the constituent statutory authorities and other interested bodies in all matters relating to the Sussex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the East Hampshire Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

(m) To publish an annual report for submission to the constituent statutory authorities and for public information.

(n) To carry out research, monitoring and analysis of relevant information so as to prepare the "State of the South Downs" Report and to review the Management Plan and other policy documents.

(o) To respond as appropriate to any designation of the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty as a National Park or as part of a National Park in the interests of the South Downs area.

(p) At their first meeting after 1st June 2005 and after consultation with the constituent authorities, to review the constitutional and financial arrangements provided for in this Agreement and then to do such annual or other reviews as the Committee shall think appropriate.

Executive Powers

(3) The Committee shall have the following executive powers:

(a) To exercise such powers as the constituent local authorities may from time to time delegate to the Committee, with the agreement of the Committee, including where appropriate, the functions set out in Annex 2 to this Agreement.

(b) The Committee shall not be empowered to acquire land or any interest in land, but may enter into an Agreement for the management of any land and may advise the respective local authorities on the desirability of opportunity purchases.



(c) Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent constituent councils from exercising any of the executive powers described or referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

(d) In the exercise of their powers, the Committee shall consult any or all of the constituent councils as may be appropriate.

(e) The Committee may arrange for work to be carried out directly or on an agency or contract basis by any of the constituent local authorities or by any landowners or occupiers or private contractors or agencies.

(f) Where land is managed by any of the County Councils under leases or management agreements, it will be for the other parties to such management agreements to decide whether they are willing to allow the Committee to stand in place of the relevant County Council or whether they wish site management to continue to be provided directly by the County Council.

Note: the constitution, functions and procedure of the Joint Committee are governed by an agreement having effect from 1st June 2005 to 31st March 2008.

