

City Solicitor

1. The City Solicitor is the Monitoring Officer for the Council.
2. The City Solicitor ¹ is authorised to discharge the following Local Choice Functions which have been assigned to full Council (see Part 3 Section 1 of the Constitution):

(a)	To appoint review boards under the Social Security Act 1998 ²
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3. The City Solicitor is authorised to discharge the following Council (non-executive) functions:

To make standing orders in relation to Access to Information	Section 106 of, and paragraph 42 of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972
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4. Appointments to Committees Boards and Panels³

- a. The City Solicitor is authorised to appoint members to vacancies during the period between the local elections and the Annual Council meeting, in consultation with appropriate whips, in order to secure that meetings necessary to be held during that period can proceed with adequate and appropriate membership levels.

- b. The City Solicitor is authorised to make or amend Member appointments to committees during the period between the Annual Council Meeting and the first ordinary meeting of Council:

- i. Where an appointment has been agreed as a Whips nominee and the Whip for that group subsequently submits a nomination; and/or

- ii. Where a group whip wishes to replace a committee Member with another Member of the same group.

5. Provision of Legal Services

The City Solicitor is authorised to take any action intended to give effect to a decision of the Council (including decisions taken by a Council committee in accordance with its terms of reference or by a Director in accordance with this scheme of delegation.)

¹ The fact that a function has been delegated to the City Solicitor does not require the City Solicitor to give the matter his/her personal attention and the City Solicitor may arrange for such delegation to be exercised by an officer of suitable experience and seniority. However the City Solicitor remains responsible for any decision taken pursuant to such arrangements.

² s34 (4) Social Security Act 1998

³ Decisions taken by the City Solicitor in accordance with this authority will be reported to the first ordinary meeting of Full Council.