

## **Part 2 - Articles of the Constitution**

### **Article 8: Regulatory and Other Bodies**

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*Planning and licensing are not Executive functions. Councils will therefore create committees to undertake these functions under powers delegated from full Council. Some councils have called these committees “regulatory committees” and this term has been used in the Modular Constitutions though their functions go beyond what is normally understood by that term. Councils should choose whatever name they consider best describes their role to those outside the Council. The Council may also establish a committee or committees to deal with personnel and related matters, since this is a Council rather than executive function.*

## 8.1 Regulatory Bodies

The Council will appoint the following bodies:

Development Control Committee  
Licensing Committee

These bodies will discharge the functions described in the table ‘Responsibility for Council Functions’ in Part 3.

## 8.2 Personnel Panel

The Council will appoint a Personnel Panel which will have the following functions:

- (a) To develop and revise personnel policy;
- (b) To maintain the confidence of staff in the way the Council deals with employment contractual matters personal to the individual;
- (c) To enable expeditious decision making in personnel matters including:
  - (i) determining applications/proposals in cases of early retirement in accordance with Council policy;
  - (ii) agreeing breaches of Council personnel policy in circumstances of welfare and compassion;
  - (iii) considering personnel implications arising from organisational restructures;
  - (iv) liaising with the Joint Staff Consultative Forum normally through the Chairman and Vice Chairman;

To determine any other employment matter personal to an individual employee of the Council.

### 8.3 Council Tax Setting Panel

The Council will appoint a Council Tax Setting Panel which will have the following functions:-

- (a) To exercise delegated authority to set the level of Council Tax in accordance with the Council's agreed budget;
- (b) To undertake the task detailed in (a) above following notification from Devon County Council, the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority, Devon Fire and Rescue Service, the Dartmoor National Park Authority and each Parish/Town Council of their individual precepting requirements.