

ARTICLE 11 – FINANCE, CONTRACTS AND LEGAL MATTERS

11.1 Financial management

The management of the Council's financial affairs will be conducted in accordance with the Financial Regulations set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

11.2 Contracts

Every contract made by the Council will comply with the Contract Regulations set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

11.3 Legal proceedings

The Chief Legal Officer is authorised to institute, defend or participate in any legal proceedings in any case where such action is necessary to give effect to decisions of the Council or in any case where the Chief Legal Officer considers that such action is necessary to protect the Council's interests.

11.4 Authentication of documents

Where any document is necessary to any legal procedure or proceedings on behalf of the Council, it will be signed by the Chief Legal Officer or other person authorised by him/her, unless any enactment otherwise authorises or requires, or the Council has given requisite authority to some other person.

11.5 Common Seal of the Council

The Common Seal of the Council, including an electronic version approved by the Chief Legal Officer, will be kept in a safe place in the custody of the Chief Legal Officer. A decision of the Council, or of any part of it, will be sufficient authority for sealing any document necessary to give effect to the decision. The Common Seal, including an electronic version, will be affixed to those documents, which in the opinion of the Chief Legal Officer should be sealed. The affixing of the Common Seal, including an electronic version, will be attested by the Chief Legal Officer or some other person authorised by him/her.

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