ARTICLE 9 – FINANCE, CONTRACTS AND LEGAL MATTERS

9.01	Financial Management

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

9.02	Contracts

Every contract made by the Council will comply with the Contracts Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

9.03	Legal Proceedings

The Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive is authorised to commence, defend or participate in any legal proceedings (including authority to settle/ compromise/ withdraw) as set out in Part 3 (Responsibilities) of the Constitution.

9.04	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 Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive or other person authorised by them, unless any enactment otherwise authorises or requires, or the Council has given requisite authority to some other person.

Any contract entered into on behalf of the Council shall comply with the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of the Constitution. Such contracts must either be signed by at least two authorised officers of the authority or made under the common seal of the council attested by at least one officer as authorised under paragraph 9.05 below.

9.05	Common Seal of the Council

The Common Seal of the Council will be kept in a safe place in the custody of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive. A decision of the Council, the Executive or any part of it will be sufficient authority for sealing any document necessary to give effect to the decision. The Common Seal will be affixed to those documents which, in the opinion of the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive, should be sealed. The affixing of the Common Seal will be attested by the Chief Executive or the Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive or some other person authorised by one of them.