

Article 13 - Finance, Contracts and Legal Matters

13.1 Financial management

The management of the Council's financial affairs will be conducted in accordance with the Financial Procedures Rules set out in Part 3 of this constitution.

13.2 Contracts

Every contract made by the Council will comply with the Contracts Procedure Rules set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

13.3 Legal proceedings by and against the Council

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

13.4 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 Executive or other person authorised by him/her, unless any enactment otherwise authorizes or requires, or the Council has given requisite authority to some other person.

13.5 Common Seal of the Council

The common seal of the Council will be kept in a safe place in the custody of the Chief Executive. A decision of the Council 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 Chief Executive should be sealed. The affixing of the common seal will be attested by the Chief Executive and the Mayor or some other person authorised by him/her.