

## **PART 3 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS**

### **1. Principles of Decision Making**

All decisions in the council will be made in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) take into account all relevant considerations and ignore those which are irrelevant
- (b) compliance with finance, contract and all other procedure rules
- (c) due consultation and proper advice is taken and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
- (d) impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
- (e) any interests are properly declared
- (f) decisions are properly recorded and published
- (g) decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
- (h) respect for human rights and equality impacts
- (i) a presumption in favour of transparency and openness
- (j) clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- (k) due consideration of all available options
- (l) reasons are given for decisions