

**ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**

A joint committee can be established:

***Either*** under Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 (“two or more local authorities may discharge any of their functions jointly and ... may also arrange for the discharge of those functions by a joint committee of theirs”) in which case, like the joint committee of this council and Swindon Borough Council which appoints members to the Police Authority, it would be subject to political proportionality under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;

***or*** advantage may be taken of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups)(Amendment) Regulations 1998 and 1999 which provide an exception to the duty to allocate seats to different political groups in relation to a joint committee of a county and a district council which is established exclusively to discharge functions in respect of the whole or part of the area of a district, and which secures that the district council’s voting rights shall match the number of county council appointees with voting rights. ***However***, if it is desired to limit the number serving to fewer than the number of county councillors representing divisions or parts of divisions, it requires a vote in which no member dissents.