

## **Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership Joint Committee**

- 1.1 The following of the Council's powers have been delegated to the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership which is a Joint Committee pursuant to Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 20(1) of the Local Government Act 2000. The Joint Committee has the power to:
- 1.2 Implement and administer the statutory Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit scheme (including the investigation and prosecution of benefit fraud) and the Localised Council Tax Support Scheme,
- 1.3 Determine all applications for Relief from the National Non-Domestic Rate under the terms of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 in accordance with the approved criteria.
- 1.4 Determine all applications arising from the granting of Non-Domestic Rate Discretionary Relief, in respect of the village shop rate relief scheme, under the terms of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- 1.5 Determine all applications arising for the granting of non-Domestic Rate Discretionary Relief, in respect of the charity shop rate relief scheme, under the terms of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- 1.6 Undertake the relevant consultations with National Non-Domestic Ratepayers under Section 134 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- 1.7 Deal with any applications for relief from National Non-Domestic Rate liability under Section 44 and 45 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
- 1.8 Administer all relevant matters in connection with the administration of the Council Tax under the appropriate legislation and any specific determinations made or policies set by the Council in connection with Council Tax administration.
- 1.9 Take all necessary steps in respect of the demand, collection and recovery of business rates.
- 1.10 The Joint Committee is given power to authorise such officers as it thinks fit and appropriate to act on its behalf in relation to:

- Council Tax matters including billing, collection and recovery.
- Council Tax appeals including appearing at the local valuation tribunal hearings.
- National Non-Domestic Rates including billing, collection, recovery and representation at court and tribunals.
- Benefit Fraud, including its investigation , instructions to prosecute, the imposition of sanctions including penalties and recovery of overpayments
- The Localised Council Tax Support Scheme