

Part 2 - Articles of the Constitution

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THE ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive is at the heart of the day-to-day decision-making process. It also has a key role in proposing the budget and policy framework to the Council.

7.1 Role

The Executive will exercise all of the local authority's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the local authority, by law or under this Constitution. The Executive will provide leadership to the overall activities of the Council.

7.2 Form and composition

The Executive will consist of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council together with at least 3, but not more than 8, Members appointed to the Executive by the Council.

7.3 Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council will be a Member elected to the position of Leader by the Council. The Leader of the Council will hold office until:

- (a) the next annual meeting of the Council (unless re-elected thereat); or
- (b) he/she resigns from the office; or
- (c) he/she is suspended from being a Member under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although he/she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
- (d) he/she is no longer a Member; or
- (e) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council

7.4 Deputy Leader of the Council

The Deputy Leader of the Council will be a Member elected to the position of Deputy Leader by the Council. The Deputy Leader of the Council will hold office until:

- (a) the next annual meeting of the Council (unless re-elected thereat); or
- (b) he/she resigns from the office; or
- (c) he/she is suspended from being a Member under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although he/she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
- (d) he/she is no longer a Member; or
- (e) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council.

7.5 Other Executive Members

Only Members may be appointed to the Executive. There may be no co-optees and no deputies or substitutes for Executive Members. Neither the Chairman nor Vice Chairman of the Council may be appointed to the Executive and Members of the Executive (including the Leader of the Council) may not be Members of Scrutiny or any of the Policy Development Groups.

Other Executive Members shall hold office until:

- (a) the next annual meeting of the Council (unless re-elected thereat); or
- (b) they resign from office; or
- (c) they are suspended from being Members under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although they may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
- (d) they are no longer Members; or
- (e) they are removed from office, either individually or collectively, by resolution of the Council.

7.6 Portfolio Holders

The remit of the Executive shall be divided into portfolios determined by the Leader of Council. Portfolio Holders will exercise regular monitoring of performance, strive to deliver corporate objectives, seek to achieve best value in the services for which are they are responsible and have regard to the Council's policies and strategic objectives.

7.7 Proceedings of the Executive

Proceedings of the Executive shall take place in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

7.8 Responsibility for Functions

If appropriate the Leader of the Council will maintain a list in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out responsibilities for the exercise of particular Executive functions.