

Article 7 – The Executive

7.01 Role of the Executive

The Executive will carry out all of the Local Authority's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Local Authority, whether by law or under this Constitution.

7.02 Form and Composition

The Executive will consist of the Leader together with at least 2, but not more than 9, Councillors appointed to the Executive by the Leader. The Leader shall also appoint a Member of the Executive as Deputy Leader with authority to act in the absence of the Leader.

7.03 Leader

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

- (a) The annual meeting of the Council following his/her election; or
- (b) He/she resigns from the office; or
- (c) He/she is suspended from being a Councillor 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 Councillor; or
- (e) He/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council, such resolution to be passed by a simple majority vote.

7.04 Other Executive Members

Only Councillors 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) may not be members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Each Member of the Executive may be responsible for a portfolio allocated by the Leader.

Other Executive Members shall hold office until:

- (a) The annual meeting of the Council following his/her appointment; or
- (b) They resign from office; or
- (c) They are suspended from being Councillors 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 Councillors; or

- (e) They are removed from office by the Leader who must give written notice of any removal to the Proper Officer. The removal will take effect two working days after receipt of the notice by the Proper Officer.

7.05 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.

7.06 Responsibility for Functions

The Leader will maintain a list in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out which individual Members of the Executive, Committees of the Executive, officers or joint arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular Executive functions.

7.07 Political Balance

The Executive does not have to comply with the political balance rules in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

7.08 Advisory Bodies

The Executive or Lead Members may be supported in their Policy Development work by Advisory Bodies and the Executive or Lead Members may appoint such Members, or non-Members, to any Advisory Body that they consider appropriate.