

Article 7 – The Executive

THE ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE

7.1 Role

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

7.2 Form and Composition

The Executive will consist of the Leader, together with 5 councillors appointed to the Executive by the Council, one of whom will be appointed deputy Leader.

7.3 Leader

The Leader will be a councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council at its Annual Meeting. The Leader will hold office until:

- (a) his/her term of office expires at the next Annual Meeting; 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.

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Leader arising during the course of a year for any reason, the Council will elect a replacement Leader at its next meeting.

7.4 Other members of the Executive

Other Executive members, including a Deputy Leader, will be appointed by the Council at its Annual Meeting and hold office until:

- (a) their term of office expires at the next Annual Meeting; 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, either individually or collectively, by resolution of the Council.

In the event of a vacancy or vacancies arising within the Executive during the year for any reason, a replacement Executive member will be appointed by the Council at its next meeting.

7.5 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).

7.6 Responsibility for functions

The Leader will maintain a list setting out which individual members of the Executive, officers or joint arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular executive functions (see Part 3 of this Constitution). The role expected of individual members of the Executive who are appointed to hold portfolios is set out in the Executive Procedure Rules (see Part 4 of this Constitution).