

ARTICLE 7 - THE EXECUTIVE

1 The Role of the Executive

The Executive will carry out all of the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Council, whether by law or under Part 3 of this Constitution.

2 Form and Composition

2.1 Only Councillors may be appointed to the Executive. There may be no co-optees and no deputies or substitutes for Executive Members except that one Executive Member may substitute for another Executive Member in the exercise of Executive functions. Neither the Lord Mayor nor Deputy Lord Mayor of the Council may be appointed to the Executive and Members of the Executive (including the Leader) may not be Members of a policy and scrutiny body.

2.2 The Executive will consist of the Leader together with at least 2, but no more than 9 Councillors appointed to the Executive by the Leader. The Leader may remove any Member from the Executive and may appoint any other Councillor(s) to the Executive. The Leader's powers of removal/appointment shall be exercisable by giving written notice to the Monitoring Officer.

3 Leader

The Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by Full Council for a term of four years or the balance of his/her current term of office as a Councillor.

The Leader will hold office until:

- (a) he/she resigns from the office; or
- (b) 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
- (c) he/she is no longer a Councillor; or
- (d) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council; or

(e) the time period for which he/she was appointed has elapsed.

4 Other Executive Members

Other Executive Members shall hold office until:

- (a) they resign from office; or
- (b) they are suspended from being Councillors under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although he/she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
- (c) they are no longer Councillors; or
- (d) they are removed from office by the Leader under paragraph 2.2 above.

5 The Deputy Leader

The Leader will appoint a Deputy Leader who will be a member of the Executive and will have all the powers of the Leader if the Leader is unable to act or the office is vacant.

6 Proceedings of the Executive

Proceedings of the Executive shall take place in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Standing Orders set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

7 Committees of the Executive

The Executive shall have power to establish one or more Committees of the Executive and to delegate powers to any such Committees.

8 Responsibility for Executive Functions

The Leader may exercise any Executive function.

The Leader will maintain a list in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out functions which the Executive, individual members of the Executive or Committees of the Executive may exercise and which Officers have delegated power to exercise Executive Functions.