

Article 7 - The District Executive (Cabinet)

7.01 Role

The District 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 District Executive will consist of the Leader of the Council together with between two and nine councillors appointed to the District Executive by the Leader (one of whom will be appointed by the Leader to act as Deputy Leader) and the Leader will allocate areas of responsibility (Portfolios) to them.

The Leader may remove executive members from the District Executive at any time.

7.03 Leader of the Council

The Leader will be a councillor elected to the position of leader by the Council. The leader shall hold office for a period of four years starting on the day of his/her election and end on the day of the post 4 year Council election annual meeting:

The Leader will appoint a Deputy Leader and such other members of the District Executive as he/she thinks fit subject to paragraph 7.02 above.

The Leader shall continue to hold office unless:-

- (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 a resolution of the Council.

Deputy Leader of the Council

The Leader will appoint one of the members of the District Executive to be the Deputy Leader.

The Deputy Leader will hold office until the end of the term of office of the Leader unless:-

- (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 no longer a member of the District Executive
- (e) he/she is removed from office by the Leader

The Deputy Leader will carry out the functions of the Leader when he/she is absent.

7.04 Other District Executive members

The Leader will appoint between one and eight further District 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 they 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, either individually or collectively, by the Leader.

7.05 Proceedings of the District 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 (if any) individual members of the District Executive, area committees, Executive committee, officers or joint arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular executive functions.

The Leader will report to Council on all appointments and changes to the District Executive, Portfolio allocations and Scheme of Delegation.