

## **Article 7 – The Executive**

### **7.01 Role**

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 executive Leader together with at least 2, but not more than 9, councillors appointed to the executive by the executive Leader.

### **7.03 Leader**

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

- (a) the expiry of four years from the date of his/her election to the office of Leader of the Council or until the first Council meeting after he/she stands for re-election as a Borough Councillor, whichever is the sooner, 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

7.03.02 The Leader shall designate one member of the cabinet as Deputy Leader with full authority to act in the absence of the Leader.

7.03.03 In the event that the Leader ceases to be the Leader as a result of Article 7.03.01 (b), (c), (d) or (e) above, the Council shall forthwith appoint a new Leader of the Council and pending the appointment of a new Leader all powers and functions of the Leader shall be vested in the Deputy Leader.

#### **7.04 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 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 by the Leader who must give written notice of any removal to the Monitoring Officer. The removal will take effect two working days after receipt of the notice by the Monitoring Officer.

#### **7.05 Responsibility for functions**

The Leader will maintain a list in Part 8 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.

#### **7.06 Response to government and other consultation**

Before exercising the function of responding to consultation from the government and other bodies the executive shall consult with committee chairmen and other members outside the executive as appropriate taking into account the matter concerned and the time available.