

Article 6 - The Cabinet

6.01 Role

The Cabinet 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.

6.02 Form and composition

The Cabinet will form the Executive of the Council and will consist of the Leader together with at least five councillors (the statutory maximum is nine plus the Leader and the minimum is two plus the Leader).

On election, the Leader will inform the Council of the Deputy Leader and other members s/he has appointed to the Cabinet.

Each member of the Cabinet will individually hold office until the Annual Council Meeting following the next Council elections, unless:

- s/he resigns from office;
- s/he is suspended from being a councillor under Part III of the Local Government Act, 2000;
- s/he is no longer a councillor;
- s/he is removed from office by the Leader, who must give written notice of any change to the Chief Executive (such removal to take place after two days and to be notified to the Council at the next meeting).

6.03 Leader

The Leader will be a councillor elected to the position by the Council at the Annual Meeting following an election. The Leader will then hold office until the Annual Council Meeting following the next Council elections, unless:

- s/he resigns from office;
- s/he is suspended from being a councillor under Part III of the Local Government Act, 2000;
- s/he is no longer a councillor;
- s/he is removed from office by a resolution of the Council (following a vote on a Notice of Motion submitted under the Council Procedure Rules).

If the office of Leader becomes vacant, the Council shall fill the vacancy as soon as reasonably practicable, either at the next ordinary Council meeting or at an extraordinary Council meeting specially convened to elect a Leader.

The person elected will then hold office in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Pending such an appointment the Deputy Leader will assume the responsibilities of the Leader.

6.04 Proceedings of the Cabinet

Proceedings of the Cabinet shall take place in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

6.05 Responsibility for functions

The Leader will maintain a list, as set out in Part 3 of the Constitution, detailing the particular responsibilities of each Cabinet Member. Functions can also be delegated to committees of the Cabinet, officers or joint arrangements and, where applicable, will be listed in Part 3.

6.06 Lead Members

The Leader may also appoint such number of other councillors as s/he may think fit to assist the Council and the Cabinet. These councillors, known as Lead Members, have no decision-making powers and do not form part of the Executive. Their role will be to provide support and advice on their specialist area of activity. Each Lead Member holds office until the Annual Council Meeting after the next Council elections, on the same terms as a Member of the Cabinet (see 6.02, above).

The responsibilities of Lead Members are set out in Part 3 of the Constitution.