

PART 2

Articles of the Constitution

Article 7 - The Cabinet

7.1 ROLE

The Cabinet will carry out all of the Authority's functions as set out in [Part 3E](#) of the Constitution.

7.2 FORM AND COMPOSITION

Cabinet will consist of the Leader together with at least two, but not more than nine, Councillors appointed to Cabinet by the Leader of the Council.

7.3 LEADER

The term of office of the Leader will start on the day of their election as Leader and end on the day of the Selection meeting in 4 years' time unless:

- (a) they resign from the office; or
- (b) they are no longer a Councillor ; or
- (c) they are removed from office by resolution of the Council provided that notice of any motion which would have the effect of removing him/her from office is delivered in writing to the Proper Officer 10 clear working days before the relevant Council meeting signed by at least 10 Members.

If the Council passes a resolution to remove the Leader, a new Leader shall be appointed at the meeting at which the Leader is removed from office or at a subsequent meeting

7.4 OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (CABINET MEMBERS)

Only Councillors may be appointed to the Cabinet. There may be no Co-optees or Substitutes for Cabinet Members. Neither the Mayor nor Deputy Mayor may be appointed to Cabinet or as Leader. Cabinet Members (including the Leader) may not be Members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Cabinet Members shall hold office until:

- (a) they resign from office; or
- (b) they are no longer Councillors; or
- (c) the Selection Meeting following their appointment; or

- (d) they are removed from office by the Leader who must give written notice of any removal to the Chief Executive, (such removal to have immediate effect), and may then appoint a replacement.

7.5 **PROCEEDINGS OF THE CABINET**

Proceedings of the Cabinet shall take place in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules set out in [Part 4B](#) of this Constitution.

7.6 **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS**

The Leader will maintain in [Part 3](#) of this Constitution details setting out which Cabinet Members, Officers or Joint Arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular Executive functions.