

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 three, but not more than seven, Councillors appointed to Cabinet by the Leader of the Council.

7.3 LEADER

The Leader will be the Councillor elected to that position by the Council. 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 the end of their term of office if earlier; or
- (d) the next Selection Meeting; or
- (e) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Full 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.

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 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) the Selection Meeting following their appointment; or

- (e) 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.