

Article 7 – Executive Committee and Planning Committee

Executive Committee

7.01 Role

There shall be an Executive Committee; the terms of reference and functions of which shall be as set out in Part 3 to this Constitution.

7.02 Form and composition

- (a) The Executive Committee will consist of the Leader of Council (who will be the Chairman of the Committee) together with such number of other Councillors appointed to the Executive Committee by the Council as the Council may from time to time decide.
- (b) The membership of the Executive Committee (including the Leader) will be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 with regard to political proportionality.

7.03 Leader

The Leader of Council will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council annually. 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 be re-appointed as Leader at the end of the period of suspension); or
- (c) he/she is no longer a Councillor; or
- (a) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council; or
- (b) his/her successor takes office.

7.04 Other Executive Committee members

Other Executive Committee members will be appointed by Council annually and 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 be re-appointed to the Executive Committee 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 resolution of the Council; or
- (e) their successors take office.

7.05 Deputy Leader

The Deputy Leader of the Council will be appointed by Council, at the Annual Council meeting each year, and will become Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee.

7.06 Portfolio Responsibilities

- (1) The Leader of Council may allocate particular policy and/or service area portfolios to members of the Committee.
- (2) Some Members of Executive Committee shall have particular interest and regard to the policy and service areas included in their respective portfolios but shall not have any executive authority in respect thereof.

7.07 Proceedings of the Executive Committee

Proceedings of the Executive Committee shall take place in accordance with the terms of reference and procedures for Executive Committee set out in Part 3 of this Constitution and the Council & Committee Procedure Rules set out in Part 4.

Planning Committee

7.08 Role

There shall be a Planning Committee the terms of reference and functions of which shall be as set out in Part 3 to this Constitution.

7.09 Form and Composition

- (a) The Planning Committee will comprise such number of Councillors appointed to the Planning Committee by the Council as the Council may from time to time decide;
- (b) The membership of the Planning Committee will be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 with regard to political proportionality.

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