

# **Article 7 – The Cabinet**

## **THE ROLE OF THE CABINET**

### **7.1 Role**

The Cabinet will carry out all of the functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Council, as delegated by the Leader.

### **7.2 Form and Composition**

The Cabinet will consist of the Leader and Deputy Leader together with at least one but not more than eight other councillors appointed by the Leader.

No member of the Cabinet shall be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **7.3 Members of the Cabinet**

Cabinet members will be appointed by the Leader. Their term of office will be the same as for the Leader unless;

- (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
- (d) they are no longer councillors; or
- (e) they are removed from office, either individually or collectively, by decision of the Leader.

In the event of a vacancy or vacancies arising within the Cabinet during the year, for any reason, a replacement Cabinet member will be appointed by the Leader and notified to the Council at its next meeting.

### **7.4 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).

### **7.5 Responsibility for functions**

The Leader will maintain a list setting out which individual Cabinet members , members of staff or joint arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular Cabinet functions (see Part 3 of this Constitution). The role expected of individual Cabinet members who are appointed to hold Cabinet responsibilities is set out in the Cabinet Procedure Rules (see Part 4 of this Constitution).