

Article 6 – The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

6.1 Appointment and Term of Office

6.1.1 The Leader will hold office for a four year period starting on the day of his/her election as Leader at the Annual Council meeting, unless his/her term of office as a Councillor is shorter, in which case the term of office as Leader will be the same as their term of office as a Councillor.

6.1.2 The Leader's period of office will cease at an earlier date if:

- i. He/she resigns from the office; or
- ii. He/she is no longer a councillor; or
- iii. He/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council.

6.2 Vacancy

6.2.1 If there is a vacancy in the position of Leader, the Council will elect a Leader at the first meeting following such vacancy.

6.2.2 The Leader will be elected for a term of office of four years starting on the day of his/her election as Leader, unless his/her term of office as a Councillor is shorter, in which case the term of officer as Leader will be the same as their term of office as a Councillor.

6.3 Functions of the Leader

6.3.1 The Leader will be responsible for 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, unless otherwise delegated by him/her.

6.3.2 The Leader shall be responsible for producing and maintaining Table 3 (Responsibility for Executive Functions) of Part 3a of this Constitution setting out who will exercise Executive functions. Executive functions can be exercised by the Leader, Executive, individual Executive Members, sub-committees of the Executive, individual local Members or Officers.

6.3.3 Only the Leader will exercise the following functions:

- i. Appointment of the Deputy Leader;
- ii. Appointment of the Executive; and
- iii. Allocation of portfolio responsibilities

6.3.4 The Leader will chair any meetings of the Executive.

6.4 Deputy Leader

6.4.1 The Deputy Leader will be a councillor appointment to the position by the Leader

6.4.2 the Deputy Leader will hold office until the end of the term of office of the Leader, or until:

- i. He/she is removed from office by decision of the Leader; or

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- ii. He/she resigns from the office; or
- iii. He/she is no longer a councillor

6.5 Role of the Deputy Leader

6.5.1 If for any reason the Leader is unable to act, or the office of the Leader is vacant, the Deputy Leader must act and exercise all functions reserved to the Leader in his/her absence.

6.5.2 If for any reason the Leader and Deputy Leader are unable to act, or the officers are vacant, the remaining Members of the Executive may act collectively or appoint an interim Leader.