

## **Article 6 – The Cabinet**

### **6.1 Role**

6.1.1 The Cabinet will be responsible for the discharge or making appropriate arrangements for the discharge, (whether by the Cabinet collectively, or by an individual Cabinet Member, or by a Committee of the Cabinet, or by joint arrangements made in accordance with Article 10 of these Articles, or by an officer), of the Cabinet Functions defined in Article 4.1 of these Articles to the extent permitted by law or this Constitution.

### **6.2 Form and composition**

6.2.1 The Cabinet will consist of the Cabinet Leader together with at least two, but not more than nine councillors. Within these parameters the Council may from time to time amend the precise form and composition of the Cabinet although it may not amend its powers and responsibilities. The current approved form and composition of the Cabinet is set out in the in the Table at Section B of Part 3 of this Constitution.

### **6.3 The Leader**

6.3.1 The Leader shall be a Councillor elected to that office by a simple majority of the Council. Subject to the provisions of Article 6.5 below, the Leader will hold office for a term of four years ending on the day of the post-election annual general meeting unless he/she:

- i. resigns from the office of Leader; or,
- ii. resigns from the Council; or,
- iii. is removed from office by a resolution of the Council; or
- iv. is otherwise disqualified from holding the office of Councillor.

### **6.4 Cabinet Members**

6.4.1 The Leader shall appoint from the general body of Councillors the members of the Cabinet. The Leader shall also appoint from within the approved Cabinet members a Deputy Leader who shall take on, on a temporary basis, the duties of Leader if the Leader is unable to carry out those duties from time to time.

6.4.2 Subject to Article 6.5 below, Members of the Cabinet, other than the Leader, shall hold office for a term of one year unless they:

- i. resign from the office of Cabinet member; or,
- ii. resign from the Council; or,
- iii. are otherwise disqualified from holding the office of Councillor.

### **6.5 Short appointments**

6.5.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 6.3 and 6.4 above, where the Cabinet Leader or a Member of the Cabinet ceases to hold office for any reason other than the expiry of their term of appointment, their replacement shall only be appointed to hold office until the date of the next Annual Meeting of the Council or to the end of their term of office.

## **6.6 Proceedings of the Cabinet**

6.6.1 Proceedings of the Cabinet shall take place in accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules set out in Section B of Part 4 of this Constitution.

## **6.7 Responsibility for functions**

6.7.1 The Cabinet is responsible for the Executive (Cabinet) Functions (as defined in Article 4.1 of these Articles and more particularly described in Table 3 of Section B of Part 3 of this Constitution entitled "Cabinet Functions") and will maintain, review and update as necessary the arrangements for the discharge of Cabinet Functions whether by the Cabinet collectively or by individual Cabinet Members, or by a Committee of the Cabinet, or by joint arrangements or by an Officer

## **6.8 Temporary Replacements**

6.8.1 Where the Leader ceases to hold office other than by the normal expiry of their term of appointment, the Council shall appoint a replacement to hold office until the date of the next post election Annual Meeting of the Council.

6.8.2 Where a member of the Cabinet ceases to hold office other than by the normal expiry of their term of appointment, the Leader shall appoint a replacement to hold office until the end of the current term of office of Cabinet members.