ARTICLE 6 – THE EXECUTIVE

(Leader with Cabinet)

6.01 Role

The executive will carry out all of the Borough Council's functions which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Borough Council, whether by law or under this Constitution.

6.02 Form and Composition

The executive will consist of the Leader, Deputy Leader together with at least 1, but not more than 8, councillors appointed to the executive by the Leader.

6.03 Leader

The Leader will be a councillor elected to that position by the Council at the post-election annual meeting. The Leader will normally hold office for a four year period i.e. until the day of the next post-election annual meeting of the Council, when they may seek re-election, or until:

- (a) they resign from the office; or
- (b) they are removed from office by resolution of the Council.

6.04 Deputy Executive Leader

The Leader shall appoint a Deputy Leader. If for any reason the Leader is unable to act or the office of Leader is vacant, the Deputy Leader shall act in the Leader's place.

Unless they resign or cease to be a member, the person who is appointed as Deputy Leader will hold office until the end of any term of office of the Leader. Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Deputy Leader, the Leader shall appoint another person to undertake the role.

The Leader may, if they think fit, remove the Deputy Leader from office.

6.05 Other Executive Members

Only councillors shall be appointed to the executive; there shall be no co-optees and (save for the provisions of 6.04 above) no deputies or substitutes for executive members. Neither the Mayor nor Deputy Mayor of the Council shall be appointed to the executive.

Other executive members shall be appointed annually by the Leader. They will normally hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council, when they may be re-appointed, or until:

(a) they resign from office; or

(b) they are no longer councillors; or

(c) they are removed from office, either individually or collectively, by resolution of the Council

6.06 Proceedings of the Executive

Proceedings of the executive shall take place in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

6.07 Responsibility for Functions

The Leader will recommend for adoption by Council annually a list in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out which individual members of the executive, committees of the executive, officers or joint arrangements are responsible for the exercise of particular executive functions.

6.08 Political Balance

The political balance requirements of Section 15 of the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 do not apply to the composition of the executive, nor to any Committee of the executive.