

5. THE CABINET

5.2 Form and Composition of the Cabinet

5.2.1 ~~5.2.1~~ ~~Subject to 5.2.2 below,~~ The Cabinet will consist of the Leader together with ~~at least two but at least two but~~ not more than ~~nineseven~~ other Councillors appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader. ~~The total number of Cabinet members may be no more than ten~~

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5.2.2 ~~If two or more members are elected to share office as Leader, or are appointed to share the office of Cabinet Member (Cabinet Job Sharers) the total number of members of the Cabinet may be~~

~~(a) eleven or twelve where at least two of those are elected or appointed to share office, and,~~

~~(b) thirteen, where at least three of those are elected or appointed to share office.~~

5.3 Leader

5.3.1 Election

The Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of this Constitution. ~~Two or more Councillors may be elected as Joint Leader where they have made an arrangement to stand for election as Leader on the basis of a Job Sharing arrangement.~~

5.4 Deputy Leader

5.4.1 The Leader will appoint a Deputy Leader to act as Leader in the Leader's absence and may also if he/she thinks fit remove the Deputy Leader from Office at any time. ~~Two or more Councillors may be appointed to share the role of Deputy Leader.~~

5.5 Other Cabinet Members

Other Cabinet Members will be Councillors appointed to the position of Cabinet Member by the Leader. ~~Two or more Councillors may be appointed to share the office of Cabinet Member.~~ Each Cabinet Member shall hold office until:

5.5.1 he/she resigns from that office; or

5.5.2 he/she is removed from that office by the Leader upon such notice (if any) as the Leader considers appropriate; or

5.8 Cabinet Procedure Rules

5.8.2 Quorum

- (a) The quorum at any meeting of the Cabinet shall be 50% of the whole number of members, rounded down. For the avoidance of doubt the whole number of Members does not include vacancies. Cabinet Members will be regarded as present if they are in attendance either at the physical location of the meeting or by remote means.
- (b) Where any meeting is attended by more than one Cabinet Job Sharer who share the same role (members of the Cabinet who have been elected or appointed to share the same office), they together count only as one person for the purpose of determining whether the meeting is quorate.

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