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ARTICLE 7 – THE CABINET (ALSO REFERRED TO AS THE EXECUTIVE)

7.08 Cabinet Procedure Rules

1. MEETINGS

1.1 Cabinet Meetings

The Cabinet will meet at times to be agreed by the Leader. The Cabinet shall meet at the Council's main offices (the Town Hall) or another location to be agreed by the Leader.

1.2 Meetings of the Council

Meetings of the Cabinet and their committees must be held in public except where confidential or exempt information is to be discussed.

1.3 Quorum

The quorum for a meeting of the Cabinet shall be three including the Leader or in his absence the Deputy Leader.

1.4 Chairmanship

The Leader (or in his absence the Deputy Leader) will preside at any meeting of the Cabinet at which he is present.

1.5 Who may Attend?

- (i) Subject to the Access to Information Rules and the provisions of the Members' Code of Conduct, any Councillor may attend meetings of the Cabinet. They may not speak without the consent of the Leader, or in any case vote.
- (ii) The Leader or Deputy Leader of ~~the opposition groups~~ **any political group** may, as of right, attend meetings of the Cabinet and participate fully in the discussion on all agenda items, but cannot vote. If requested by the Leader or Deputy Leader of ~~an opposition~~ **a** group to do so, the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet on a particular matter will record their Group's opposition to all, or part, of a decision.
- (iii) Meetings of the Cabinet shall have in attendance the Chief Executive, the Chief Financial Officer (or his Deputy), the Monitoring Officer (or his Deputy) and other relevant Corporate Directors in the light of items to be discussed, or their nominated representatives, at the discretion of the Chief Executive.
- (iv) The Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer have the right to attend and present a report to discharge their statutory duties whenever necessary.

- (v) The Constitution includes no provision for substitute members at meetings of the Executive.