

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL'S GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

PROPOSALS FOR NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

LEADER AND CABINET EXECUTIVE

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires Tendring District Council to make changes to its current governance and decision making arrangements. The new arrangements will come into operation on 8 May 2011. The Council is required under the Act to publish its proposals following the conclusion of the consultation exercise.

Proposed Executive Arrangements

It is proposed, that with effect from the third day after the May 2011 elections, the District Council of Tendring adopts the Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) Model, as set out in the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). The key elements of the proposals are:-

1. Election of the Leader

The Leader is elected by full Council at its post-election annual meeting (or, if the Council fails to elect a leader at that meeting, at a subsequent meeting of the Council). The term of office of the Leader starts on the day of his/her election as Leader and ends on the day of the next post election annual meeting unless he/she:

- Is removed from Office or resigns;
- Ceases to be a Councillor; or
- Is disqualified from being a Councillor before that day

2. Appointment of the Cabinet (Executive) and Scheme of Delegation

The Leader determines the size of and appoints between 2 and 9 members of the Council to the Cabinet in addition to himself/herself, allocates any areas of responsibility (portfolios) to them, and may remove them from the Cabinet at any time. The Leader determines the scheme of delegation for the discharge of the executive functions of the Council.

3. Appointment of Deputy Leader

The Leader appoints one of the members of the Cabinet to be his/her deputy, to hold office until the end of the term of office as Leader (unless the person resigns as Deputy Leader, ceases to be a Councillor or is disqualified or removed from office by the Leader). The Leader may, if he/she thinks fit, remove the Deputy Leader from office, but must then appoint another person in his/her place.