

Winchester City Council

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 Changes to Executive Arrangements

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required the City Council to make changes to its decision-making arrangements. The introduction of the strengthened Leader with Cabinet option was supported by a public consultation exercise and was agreed at a Special Meeting of Council held on 3 November 2010. The consequential changes to the Constitution resulting from new arrangements were approved at a meeting of Council held on 6 April 2011 and will come into effect immediately after the elections in May 2011.

Under this decision making arrangement the Leader will be elected for a four year term at the Council's Annual Meeting on 18 May 2011. The Leader will also appoint at the Annual Meeting up to 9 members to form their Cabinet. The Leader will also appoint a Deputy Leader to act in the Leader's place if absent.

The local choice functions (which may be exercised by either the Council or Executive) will continue as currently operated within the Constitution. Those functions that have been assigned to Cabinet as the Executive may also be exercised by the Leader to reflect the change in the law whereby the Leader decides upon the scheme of delegation to Cabinet.

The Leader may be removed during their four year term of office by way of resolution by a simple majority and such provision has been included in the Constitution.

The Chief Executive has been given delegated authority for decision making during the transitional period between 5 May 2011 and 18 May 2011 – by using the emergency powers procedure in Part 3 of the Constitution.

Further details on these changes are available for inspection by the public at the principal office of Winchester City Council at the Council Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ, during the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm on Monday to Thursday and 8.30am to 4.30pm Fridays. A copy is also available for inspection on the City Council's website at www.winchester.gov.uk.

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