

NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS - SUMMARY

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires the Council to make changes to the authority's executive arrangements

The new arrangements were approved by the Council at a special meeting held on the 14th October 2010.

With effect from the third day after the local government elections in May 2011 Harrogate Borough Council will adopt the leader and cabinet executive (England) model (Strong Leader and Cabinet)

These proposals follow consultation with local government electors and other interested persons in the area as required by the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the 2007 Act

The key elements of the new arrangements are as follows:

1. The Council's Executive will be the new "strong" leader and cabinet Executive and will consist of a Leader (Executive Leader) and between 2 and 9 other Councillors
2. The Executive Leader will be elected by full Council and will remain in office (otherwise than by removal disqualification or resignation as provided for in the Constitution) until the day of the Annual Meeting following his/her normal day of retirement as a Councillor
3. The remaining members of the executive will be appointed by the Executive Leader who will decide their portfolios
4. The Executive Leader will appoint one of the members of the executive to be his/her deputy (Deputy Executive Leader) who will hold office until he/she ceases to be a Member of the Council or is removed by the Executive Leader
5. Where both the office of Executive Leader and Deputy Executive Leader are vacant or they are unable to act the Executive must act in the Executive Leaders place or must arrange for a Member of the Executive to act in his place.

Implementation:

The new style leader and cabinet arrangements must be implemented by the 3rd day after the local elections due to be held on 5th May 2011. In accordance with paragraph 2(1) of Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the 2007 Act, the Council will continue to operate the old-style leader and cabinet executive until the new arrangements are implemented.

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