

# CONSTITUTION - PART 3 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

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## **3. Responsibility for Executive functions**

### **(A) CABINET RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT, WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING**

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#### **Main role**

Co-ordinating the activities of the Council which contribute towards the achievement of Council objectives relating to the protection of the environment.

#### **Duties and responsibilities**

1. To have responsibility for monitoring the implementation of Council objectives relating to the environment by:-
  - a. Setting performance targets relating to the objectives.
  - b. Ensuring goals and milestones are met.
  - c. Reviewing relevant areas of service provision.
  - d. Developing new policies and strategies if necessary.
  - e. Assuming responsibility for the achievement of agreed Service Improvement Plans relating to the areas of responsibility included within this portfolio.
2. To be the Cabinet Member having overall responsibility for operational risk management, procurement and decision making in the following areas:-
  - a. Waste Management and Recycling.
  - b. Street Cleansing Services and litter save that the designation of litter control areas under Section 90 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 shall be determined by Cabinet.

- c. Cemeteries and Crematoria (including closed church yards)
  - d. Bereavement Services
  - e. Outdoor and Farmers Markets
  - f. Parks and Open Spaces, Grounds Maintenance (including woodlands and the Stray)
  - g. Arboriculture
  
  - h. Conservation and management of the countryside
  - i. Any matters arising under the Harrogate Stray Act 1985 or Harrogate Borough Council Act 1986
3. To manage the Council's relationship with the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Committee and determine Executive matters arising from the existence of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
  4. Working with colleagues on increasing recycling rates by introducing strategies to incentivise recycling and penalise those who do not recycle where they can.
  4. To work together with other Cabinet Members to achieve the Council's aims and objectives.
  5. To ensure that rural interests and concerns are understood and taken into account at all levels in decision making by or on behalf of the Council or Executive.
  6. To consider and report to the Council in respect of any Notice of Motion duly referred.
  7. To be responsible for preparing budget estimates and draft capital programme and to set changes for services within the ambit of the portfolio following the parameters of the budget strategy fixed by Council.
  8. See also Local Choice functions at Section 1.