

Wiltshire Council

Council

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Report of the Leader of the Council
Part 3A of the Constitution
Revised Scheme of Delegation on Executive Functions

1. As part of the review of the Council's Constitution, I have taken the opportunity to revise the Scheme of Delegation of Executive Functions. The current arrangements in Parts 3A of the Constitution provide a scheme of delegation to only Cabinet Members. There are no changes to the areas of responsibility of individual members of Cabinet. This scheme of delegation need to be updated to reflect more accurately arrangements for the discharge of Executive functions.
2. I have amended the scheme to reflect the decision making structures that are required for successful delivery of the Council's functions. The delegation of Executive functions to different bodies and individuals within the Council is essential to ensure the smooth running of the Council. The changes should demonstrate the Council's commitment to open and transparent decision making.
3. The Executive will be responsible for implementing the Council's policy and budgetary framework and all other functions of the authority that are not the responsibility of any other part of the authority.
4. Two Cabinet Committees have been established. The Cabinet (Capital Assets) Committee will have responsibility for the management of capital assets. The Cabinet (Business Rates Relief) Committee will be responsible for determining applications for business rates relief above a certain threshold.
5. Area Boards may exercise Executive functions within their geographical areas of responsibility in accordance with Part 3 of the Constitution. Specifically, Area Boards are responsible for the approval of applications for grants under the Area Boards grant scheme and the approval of applications under the Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy for the disposal of non-strategic assets with a value below £250,000. These specific areas have been reflected within the Scheme of Delegation on Executive Functions.

6. In appropriate circumstances Executive functions may be discharged under joint arrangements with one or more local authorities and the delegation of Executive functions may be delegated to another local authority in accordance with Articles 12.2 and 12.4 of Part 2 of the Constitution.
7. Attached to this report is the revised Part 3A of the Constitution.

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Leader of the Council