

Appendix 1 b

Article 6

Leader of the Council

6.1 The Leader of the Council

The Leader is a Councillor ~~elected~~ **appointed** by the Council to the position of Leader.

The term of office for the ~~elected~~ Leader is one year. The Leader is ~~elected~~ **appointed** at

the annual meeting of the Council and holds office until the next following annual meeting or:

- (a) s/he resigns from the office; or
- (b) s/he is no longer a Councillor; or
- (c) s/he is removed from office by resolution of the Council in which case a new Leader shall be ~~elected~~ **appointed** at the next appropriate meeting **or ceases to be Leader of the largest Group**

6.2 ~~Election~~ **Appointment** of the Leader

West Lindsey District Council Operates a Full Committee system as such the Leader of the largest Group will be the Leader of the Council and will be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

~~Nominations for the position of Leader will be made in writing to the Head of Paid Service of the Council no later than seven working days before the day of the annual meeting (or next appropriate meeting in respect of (a) to (d) in paragraph 6.1). The proposer must first obtain the consent of the nominee. Nominations must be proposed and seconded. In the event that more than one eligible nomination is received a ballot of the members will be held at the annual meeting. The Chairman of the Council will preside and, in the event of an equality of votes will exercise a casting vote in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.2.~~

6.3 Role of the ~~elected~~ **appointed** Leader

The Leader of the Council will have the following roles, rights and

responsibilities, in addition to those set out in Article 2.3

- (a) to be the local authority's principal public spokesman;
- (b) to give clear leadership to the Council and the community;
- (c) to be the lead member for matters regarding the priorities and aims of the administration and its political manifesto;
- (d) to report as necessary to the Council;
- (e) to be the Councillor of first choice to represent the Council at member level meetings with other local authorities and with other organisations;
- (f) to act as the principal contact for the Chief Executive and **Directors** / Assistant Directors in seeking views and taking soundings at the political level across all groups;
- (g) to be Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee unless s/he signifies that s/he does not wish to serve.
- (h) To be Chairman of the Chief Officer Employment Committee unless s/he signifies that s/he does not wish to serve.

The Leader of the Council may not be the Chairman of the Council, a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Governance and Audit Committee or any sub-committee, working party, or panel set up by these committees. The Leader may be a member of but may not hold office on the Licensing, Regulatory and Planning Committees.

6.4 Deputy Leader of the Council

The Council will, at the Annual Meeting, ~~elect~~ **appoint** a Deputy Leader to act in the notified absence of the Leader, such notice to be given in writing by the Leader to the Head of Paid Service.

6.5 Role and Function of the Leader of the Opposition

To be the key political contact for matters relating to the priorities and aims of the opposition.

6.6 Leadership roles

The roles of Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition will be carried out having due regard to the role descriptions in the appendix to this Constitution