

2. Executive and Non-Executive Functions

Decisions taken by the council are divided by law into two types: Executive and Non-Executive.

Executive decisions relate to all of the council's functions that are not Full Council (or Non-Executive) functions. They include those Local Choice functions identified below as the responsibility of the Executive. Executive decisions are taken by the Leader, Cabinet, Cabinet committees, Cabinet Members or officers under delegated authority in accordance with, and in order to implement, the Budget and Policy Framework.

The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 and subsequent regulations give effect to section 13 of the Local Government Act 2000 by specifying which functions are not to be the responsibility of the Executive; which may (but need not) be the responsibility of the Executive (the "Local Choice functions"); and which are to some extent the responsibility of the Executive. All other functions not so specified are the responsibility of the Executive.

Non-Executive functions are powers and duties that under statute are not the responsibility of the Executive Leader, Cabinet or Cabinet members. The power to exercise Non-Executive functions is either reserved to Full Council or delegated by Full Council to committees or officers, as set out below.

This Part sets out the functions and decision making arrangements for Full Council, Cabinet, Cabinet members, committees and officers, and makes clear how these distinctions are given effect and sets out the Local Choice functions by identifying:

- (a) the responsibilities of Full Council and its committees
- (b) the responsibilities of the Cabinet, its committees and Cabinet members
- (c) those functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive to a specified extent
- (d) those functions which are delegated to an officer

The Council, Cabinet, committees and officers will follow their relevant procedure rules, the schemes of delegation and the principles set out in this section when taking decisions.