

# **PART 3**

## **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS**



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### INTRODUCTION

The Local Government Act 2000 and regulations made under the Act distribute responsibility for the Council's functions between the full Council and the Executive (Cabinet). The law allows the full Council to decide whether some functions (known as "local choice functions") should be exercised by the full Council, the Cabinet or another Council body.

The volume of the Council's business makes it impracticable for the full Council to make every decision that lies within its remit. The full Council has, therefore, delegated certain of its functions to other "Council bodies" which are known as 'Panels' and 'Committees'. Under the law, the full Council and the Cabinet may also delegate powers to officers to make decisions that they could make. The distribution of these powers to officers is set out in the "Scheme" of Delegation to Officers. Individual members of the Cabinet (Portfolio Holders) may also make decisions that could be made by the Cabinet.

This part of the Constitution describes the powers which may be exercised by the full Council, the Cabinet, other Council bodies and Portfolio Holders and sets out the scheme of delegation to officers.

Table 1	Local Choice Functions Council
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### DEFINITIONS OF MEMBERSHIPS<sup>1</sup>

The following table defines the membership of the various decision making bodies used in Table 1 and Table 2<sup>2</sup>.

Decision Making Body	Membership
Council	All 43 <sup>3</sup> members of the Council
Cabinet	The Leader and up to 9 further members appointed by the Leader
Investment Board <sup>4</sup>	The Leader and up to two further Cabinet Members appointed by the Leader.

<sup>1</sup> Amendment approved 25 February 2010

<sup>2</sup> Amendment approved 30 April 2020, deleted 7 May 2021

<sup>3</sup> Amendment made 4 May 2023

<sup>4</sup> Amendment approved 9 January 2020

<b>Decision Making Body</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	<p>Two additional substitute Cabinet Members to be appointed by the Leader.</p> <p>The Investment Board shall be advised by the Chief Executive, s.151 and Monitoring Officers together with the Director of Growth [and its meetings may be attended by the Chairman or Vice Chairman of O&amp;S in an observatory capacity].</p>
Overview and Scrutiny Panels	<p>Up to 13<sup>5</sup> members of the Council (none of which may be part of the Cabinet) for each panel defined in Table 1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution</p> <p>Six additional substitute members to be appointed.<sup>6</sup></p> <p>Each panel will have one Chairman and one Vice Chairman.</p>
Planning Committee	<p>Up to 7<sup>7</sup> members of the Council. No more than two<sup>8</sup> of which can be members of the Cabinet.</p> <p>The committee will have 1 Chairman and 1 Vice Chairman none of which can be members of the Cabinet.</p> <p>No planning decision will be taken at Committee if the number of Cabinet members is more than 50% of the voting members present.<sup>9</sup></p> <p>Each Political Group may appoint a number of substitutes precisely commensurate with their substantive allocation of seats up to a maximum of 4<sup>10</sup> who shall be subject to the rules of substitute members, and shall be required to abide by the training requirements for the Planning Committee.<sup>11</sup></p> <p>A new member appointed to Planning Committee must not take part in or vote on any decision made by Planning Committee until they have attended at least one internal and one external training session on planning related topics.</p>

<sup>5</sup> Amendment approved 19 May 2011, amendment approved 19 May 2021

<sup>6</sup> Amendment approved 18 July 2019

<sup>7</sup> Amendment approved 18 July 2019, amendment approved 8 December 2021, amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>8</sup> Amendment approved 8 December 2021, amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>9</sup> Amendment approved 8 December 2021

<sup>10</sup> Amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>11</sup> Amendment approved 19 May 2011

Decision Making Body	Membership
	<p>Existing members of Planning Committee who take part in or vote on any decision made by Planning Committee should attend at least one internal and one external training session on planning related topics during each municipal year. Failure to complete the training will be brought to the attention of the group leader prior to reappointment at annual council. Any new member undertaking initial training will meet their annual requirement. For the avoidance of doubt any member who fails to comply with the annual training provision will not by itself render a decision unlawful.</p>
Licensing Committee	<p>Up to 13<sup>12</sup> members of the Council.</p> <p>Power is given to the committee to appoint panels of 3 to determine individual cases (such committees not to be comprised of ward or neighbouring ward councillors).<sup>13</sup></p> <p>Power is given to the committee to appoint panels of 3 to determine all applications for street trading consents.<sup>14</sup></p> <p>Six additional substitute members to be appointed.<sup>15</sup></p> <p>A new member appointed to the Licensing Committee must not take part in or vote on any decision made by Licensing Committee until they have attended at least one internal and one external training session on Licensing related topics.</p> <p>Existing members of Licensing Committee who take part in or vote on any decision made by Licensing Committee (or a panel) should attend at least one internal and one external training session on Licensing related topics during each municipal year. Failure to complete the training will be brought to the attention of the group leader prior to reappointment at annual council. Any new member undertaking initial training will meet their annual requirement. For the avoidance of doubt any member who fails to comply with the annual training provision will not by itself render a decision unlawful.</p> <p>Further, Executive Members appointed to a Licensing Committee or panel will act in their capacity as an ordinary elected member, not as a member of the Executive.<sup>16</sup></p>

<sup>12</sup> Amendment approved 3 November 2011, amendment approved 19 May 2021

<sup>13</sup> Amendment approved 19 May 2025

<sup>14</sup> Amendment approved 21 July 2025

<sup>15</sup> Amendment approved 18 July 2019

<sup>16</sup> Amendment approved 19 May 2025

Conduct Committee	<p>Up to 7<sup>17</sup> members of the Council.</p> <p>The Conduct Committee shall be advised by the Independent Person appointed in accordance with section 28 of the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>The committee may appoint up to two non voting members who are Town or Parish Councillors. <sup>18</sup></p> <p>Five<sup>19</sup> additional substitute members to be appointed.<sup>20</sup></p>
Audit and Risk Management Committee <sup>21</sup>	<p>Up to 7<sup>22</sup> members of the Council to be formed from:</p> <p>Up to 2<sup>23</sup> members of Cabinet and not to include the Portfolio Holder responsible for Finance</p> <p>Five<sup>24</sup> additional substitute members to be appointed.</p> <p>The Chairman may not be a member of Cabinet.</p>
Employment Committee <sup>25</sup>	<p>Up to 7 members of the Council.</p> <p>Five substitute members to be appointed.</p>
Appointments Panel	<p>Up to 7 members and not less than 3 nominated by the Leader to reflect political proportionality.</p> <p>Five<sup>26</sup> additional substitute members to be appointed.<sup>27</sup></p>
Culture, Arts and Heritage Executive Advisory Committee <sup>28</sup>	<p>7 members of the Council.</p> <p>5 substitute members to be appointed.</p> <p>To meet 3 times per year unless otherwise required.</p>

<sup>17</sup> Amendment approved 19 May 2021, amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>18</sup> Amendment approved 26 July 2012

<sup>19</sup> Amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>20</sup> Amendment approved 18 July 2019, 3

<sup>21</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2020 (replaces Staff Committee and Corporate Governance Committee), amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>22</sup> Amendment approved 19 May 2021

<sup>23</sup> Amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>24</sup> Amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>25</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2020, amendment approved 22 May 2023 (replaces Audit and Risk Management Determination Sub-Committee)

<sup>26</sup> Amendment approved 22 May 2023

<sup>27</sup> Amendment approved 18 July 2019

<sup>28</sup> Amendment approved 17 July 2023

Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee <sup>29</sup>	<p>7 members of the Council.</p> <p>5 substitute members to be appointed.</p> <p>To meet 2 times per year unless otherwise required.</p>
Project Review Executive Advisory Committee <sup>30</sup>	<p>11 members of the Council.</p> <p>6 substitute members to be appointed.</p> <p>No members of Cabinet to serve on this committee.</p> <p>To meet on an ad hoc basis as required.</p> <p>The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this committee to be appointed on a project by project basis as elected by the committee at its first meeting following a specific project having been referred.</p>

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<sup>29</sup> Amendment approved 17 July 2023

<sup>30</sup> Amendment approved 17 July 2023

**TABLE 1 - LOCAL CHOICE FUNCTIONS<sup>31</sup>**

<b>Function</b>	<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Delegation of Functions</b>
Any function under a local Act other than a function specified or referred to in Regulation 2 or Schedule 1 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000	Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
The conduct of Best Value Reviews in accordance with the provisions of any order for the time being having effect under Section 5 (best value reviews) of the Local Government Act 1999	Overview and Scrutiny Panel reporting findings to Council for decision	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Any function relating to contaminated land:  (i) approval of contaminated land strategy  (ii) preparation of draft contaminated land strategy  (iii) all other functions relating to contaminated land	Cabinet  Cabinet  Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution  As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution  As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
The discharge of any function relating to the control of pollution or the management of air quality	Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
The service of an abatement notice in respect of a statutory nuisance	Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

<sup>31</sup> Amendment to table approved 25 September 2008 and 25 February 2010



<b>Function</b>	<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Delegation of Functions</b>
The passing of a resolution that Schedule 2 to the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 should apply in the Council's area	Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution`
The inspection of the authority's area to detect any statutory nuisance	Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
The investigation of any complaint as to the existence of a statutory nuisance	Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
<p>The obtaining of particulars of a person's interest in land under Section 16 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976:</p> <p>(i) in so far as the information is required in connection with a function of the Planning Committee</p>	Planning Committee	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution.
<p>(ii) in so far as the information is required in connection with a function of the Licensing Committee</p> <p>(iii) in so far as the information is required in connection with a function of the Cabinet</p>	<p>Licensing Committee</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution</p> <p>As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution</p>
The making of agreements for the execution of highways work	Planning Committee	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

**TABLE 2 – RESPONSIBILITY FOR COUNCIL FUNCTIONS <sup>32</sup>**

<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Delegations of Functions</b>
Council	<b>Corporate Asset Management Plan</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Budget</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
	<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy</b>	
Council	<b>Cultural Strategy</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Economic Development Strategy</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>The Housing Strategy <sup>33</sup></b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Waste Management Plan</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Corporate Plan</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Development Plan Documents (DPDs)<sup>34</sup></b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

<sup>32</sup> Amendment to Table 2 approved 21 December 2006, 11 May 2017 and 9 January 2020

<sup>33</sup> Amendment approved 26 July 2012

<sup>34</sup> Amendment Approved 14 December 2017

<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Delegations of Functions</b>
Council	<b>Making of Neighbourhood Plans and Neighbourhood Development Orders<sup>35</sup></b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Elections and Electoral Registration</b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Council	<b>Health and Safety</b>  Functions relating to Health and Safety under any “relevant statutory provisions” within the meaning of Part 1 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, to the extent that those functions are discharged otherwise than in the Council’s capacity as employer	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution.
Council <sup>36</sup>	Commercial Investment Strategy	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Planning Committee	<b>Planning and Conservation</b>  Functions relating to town and country planning, conservation and listed buildings and development control as specified in Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (the Functions Regulations)	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

<sup>35</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2017

<sup>36</sup> Amendment approved 9 January 2020

<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Delegations of Functions</b>
	<b>Highways use and regulation</b>  The exercise of powers relating to the regulation and the use of highways as set out in Schedule 1 to the Functions Regulations	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
	<b>Trees and Hedgerows</b>  The exercise of powers relating to the preservation of trees and protection of important hedgerows as set out in Schedule 1 to the Functions Regulations	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
	<b>Brownfield Register (and other Registers)</b>  To undertake the functions of the Council under Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (local development), Section 14A (Register of Land), including preparation of a Brownfield Land Register as required by The Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017. <sup>37</sup>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
	<b>Rights of Way<sup>38</sup></b>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

<sup>37</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2017

<sup>38</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2017

<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Delegations of Functions</b>
Licensing Committee	<p><b>Licensing Act 2003</b> To discharge the functions of the Council as Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 2003 with the exception of the Statement of Licensing Policy which is reserved to Council</p> <p>Taxi, gaming, entertainment, food and miscellaneous licensing to include hearing appeals against refused applications for street trading consents.<sup>39</sup></p> <p>Functions relating to licensing and registration as set out in Schedule 1 to the Functions Regulations</p>	<p>As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution</p> <p>As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution</p>
Conduct Committee <sup>40</sup>	<p><b>The promotion and maintenance of high standards and conduct within the Council</b></p> <p>To advise the Council on the adoption or revision of its Code of Conduct for Members</p> <p>To determine any complaints of a breach of The Members' Code of Conduct via the Sub-Committee Hearing Panel <sup>41</sup></p>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
	<p><b>Town/Parish Councils</b></p> <p>The promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct within the Town and Parish Councils within Fenland and the determination of complaints made against these members in pursuance to the Code of Conduct.<sup>42</sup></p>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

<sup>39</sup> Amendment approved 21 July 2025

<sup>40</sup> Amendment approved 26 July 2012

<sup>41</sup> Amendment approved 18 September 2019

<sup>42</sup> Amendment approved 26 July 2012

<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Delegations of Functions</b>
Employment Committee <sup>43</sup>	<p>To receive reports from the Head of Paid Service and/or the Chief Finance Officer<sup>44</sup> on strategic employment policies, ie those employment policies immediately and directly affecting all employees and which incurs an additional cost to the service area in question.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Staff Side group to promote effective communications and consultation between the Council and its employees on general personal matters</p> <p>Exercise discretion allowed under the local government pension scheme, including the award of discretionary payments to employees</p>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

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<sup>43</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2020, amendment made 22 May 2023

<sup>44</sup> Amendment approved 26 July 2012

<b>Decision-Making Body</b> (Memberships defined in table above)	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Delegations of Functions</b>
Appointments Panel	<p><b>To appoint or dismiss the Head of Paid Service<sup>45</sup> Chief Officers and Directors</b></p> <p>Note: The appointment of the Chief Executive<sup>46</sup> must be confirmed by the full Council</p> <p>To take disciplinary action against the Chief Executive, and hear disciplinary appeals made by the<sup>47</sup> Chief Officers, the Monitoring Officer (and Deputy) and Chief Finance Officer (and Deputy) in accordance with the relevant provisions</p> <p>To consider and determine the terms and conditions of service of the Chief Executive and other employment related issues as they apply to the Chief Executive</p> <p>To consider any grievance submitted by the Chief Executive in accordance with the relevant provisions.</p>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Overview and Scrutiny Panel	Overview and Scrutiny functions under the Local Government Act 2000 as amended <sup>48</sup>	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Audit and Risk Management Committee <sup>49</sup>	Functions relating to audit, the regulatory financial framework and accounting policies	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of the Part of the Constitution

<sup>45</sup> Amendment approved 26 July 2012

<sup>46</sup> Amendment approved 25 February 2010

<sup>47</sup> Amendment approved 25 February 2010 and 26 July 2012

<sup>48</sup> Amendment approved 8 May 2008

<sup>49</sup> Amendment approved 14 December 2020

**TABLE 3 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS****3.1. CABINET**

<b>Who is responsible?</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Functions</b>	<b>Onward Limit of Delegations</b>
Cabinet	Up to 10 members of the Council	All functions of the Council which are not the responsibility of any other part of the Council as defined in this Constitution	As defined in Tables 3 <sup>50</sup> , 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution
Leader	The member so appointed by the Council	The creation of portfolios of related functions and appointment of members of the Cabinet to portfolios	
Portfolio Holders	See Appendix	Responsible for functions delegated to Portfolio Holders by the Cabinet	As defined in Tables 4 and 5 of this Part of the Constitution

3.1.1<sup>51</sup> Cabinet will be responsible for the following specific functions in relation to the Commercial Investment Strategy and the Council's companies and partnerships:

- (a) Conducting a formal review of the Commercial Investment every 2 years and recommending any necessary amendments for approval by Full Council;
- (b) Agreement of process and documentation for approval of Part 2 and 3 proposals;
- (c) The establishment of any new company and/or partnership;
- (d) The decommissioning/winding up of existing companies or partnerships;

<sup>50</sup> Amendment approved 9 January 2020

<sup>51</sup> Amendment approved 9 January 2020



- (e) The determination of Articles of Association;
- (f) The determination of the percentage share of ownership;
- (g) The determination of Reserved Matters for example appointment or dismissal of Directors<sup>52</sup> unless delegated to the Investment Board;
- (h) Scheme of delegations to the Investment Board and Officers;
- (i) To delegate to the Investment Board the requisite funding allocated for delivery of the Council's Commercial Investment Strategy and to oversee spending against that budget in accordance with the agreed processes.

## **3.2 INVESTMENT BOARD <sup>53</sup>**

To create a new committee of Cabinet called the Investment Board which will have the delegated function set out at paragraph 3.2.1 to 3.2.3 below:

### **3.2.1 Purpose**

The Investment Board is responsible for implementing the Commercial Investment Strategy including oversight of the Council's companies and partnerships.

The Investment Board will act as a decision-making body in relation to the functions delegated to it and will report to Cabinet in relation to the exercise of those functions.

Support and advice will be provided to the Investment Board by the Chief Executive, Section 151 Officer, Monitoring Officer and Director of Growth.

### **3.2.2 Membership and Operation of the Investment Board**

The Investment Board will comprise a maximum of two Cabinet Members (one of whom should be the portfolio holder for finance if that position is not held by the Leader) in addition to the Leader who will determine their appointment annually.

The Leader will Chair the Investment Board and a Vice Chair will be selected from the elected members of the Investment Board. The Investment Board shall meet on a basis agreed by itself with a minimum of 3 meetings per year. The quorum shall be the Leader in the presence of a minimum of; • one other Cabinet Member; • one senior advisory officer (or their appointed deputy). If there are only 2

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<sup>52</sup> Amendment approved 9 January 2020

<sup>53</sup> Amendment approved 9 January 2020

voting members present, then any decision must be unanimous.<sup>54</sup> [An invitation to attend must have been provided to the Chair of O&S at least 5 clear days in advance of the meeting taking place. This notice period may be waived if the Chair of O&S or their nominated deputy so agrees.] An invitation to attend must also have been provided to the section 151 officer and the Monitoring Officer (or their nominated deputies) which will normally be at least 5 clear days in advance of the meeting taking place.

The provisions relating to substitution set out at paragraph 28 of the Standing Orders shall apply to meetings of the Investment Board save that the Leader and Cabinet Members may only be substituted by Cabinet Members [and the Chair of O&S may only be substituted by the Vice Chairman]. Such substitutions to be notified to Council as part of the annual nomination process. The Cabinet Procedure Rules shall apply to meetings of the Investment Board save in respect of paragraphs 1.6, 1.8, 2.2 (second paragraph), 2.3(g) and (h) and paragraph 2.5(d) which shall be disapplied.

### **3.2.3 Functions of the Investment Board**

- (a) To determine investment appraisals submitted under Part 2 of the Council's Commercial Investment Strategy together with the most appropriate means of delivery;
- (b) To determine business cases submitted under Part 3 of the Council's Commercial Investments Strategy by the Council's companies and partnerships;
- (c) To determine the amount and terms of any investments, loans and assets required for the delivery of proposals approved in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) above from the agreed budget allocation;
- (d) To produce a report to Cabinet twice a year summarising its activities in accordance with paragraphs (a) to (c) above.
- (e) Approve the business plans of the Council's companies and partnerships;
- (f) to monitor performance and financial delivery in line with the approved business plans;
- (g) To ensure that those companies and partnerships comply with relevant Council policies, strategies and objectives;
- (h) To exercise decisions, where delegated by Cabinet, in relation to a company or partnerships' reserved matters;
- (i) To oversee the relationships between the Council and the Council's companies and partnerships in accordance with the Council's objectives.
- (j) To prepare and present an annual report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

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<sup>54</sup> Amendment approved 20 February 2020.

- (k) To determine for each individual company or partnership whether the Investment Board recommends to Cabinet the delegation of any functions to the officers of the Council.

All other matters not falling within the remit of the Investment Board functions set out at (a) to (k) above will be referred to Cabinet for decision.

### **3.3 EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEES<sup>55</sup>**

#### **3.3.1 Purpose**

There shall be 3 Executive Advisory Committees the terms of reference of which are as set out at paragraphs 3.3.2 to 3.3.3 below.

The purpose of the Executive Advisory Committees shall be:

- (a) To involve Members who are not on the Executive in the work of the Executive and to promote collegiate working between the Executive and such Members;
- (b) As a forum for:
  - i. Members to raise issues pertaining to the discharge of the Council's functions;
  - ii. Officers and/or the Executive to inform Members and seek feedback via reports for noting and comment;
  - iii. Budget and Performance Monitoring

The Executive Advisory Committee will be tasked with making recommendations to Cabinet, individual Cabinet Members or Officers with delegated authority to take executive decisions. The recommendations of the Executive Advisory Committee shall be given reasonable and appropriate consideration by the appropriate decision maker before any relevant decision is taken. The Executive Advisory Committees will not take decisions and will not duplicate the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Save in respect of the Project Review Executive Advisory Committee, each Executive Advisory Committee will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from its membership at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council. The Project Review Executive Advisory Committee will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its membership (which shall not include any Cabinet members) for each specific project referred to it.

The Culture, Arts and Heritage Executive Advisory Committee will ordinarily meet 3 times per year and the Rural and Farming Executive Advisory Committee 2 times per year. Extraordinary

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<sup>55</sup> Amendment approved 17 July 2023

meetings can be arranged upon the request of the Council by resolution, the Leader of the Council, the Monitoring Officer and any five members of the Council if they have signed a requisition presented to the Leader of the Council and they have refused to call a meeting or have failed to call a meeting within seven days of presenting the requisition.

The Project Review Executive Advisory Committee will meet as and when required and subject to a project/proposal being referred to it for discussion. Once a project/proposal has been referred, the Project Review Executive Advisory Committee will determine its own schedule of meetings for the purpose of assimilating the information necessary to determine the requirement for recommendations to be made.

The quorum for all of the Executive Advisory Committees shall be 3.

### **3.3.2 CULTURE, ARTS & HERITAGE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The specific terms of reference of this committee are:

- To promote culture, the arts and heritage generally within Fenland.
- To identify opportunities to bring additional funding for culture, the arts and heritage into Fenland.
- To identify how monies generated from any voluntary top-up to Council Tax payments may be targeted towards improvement in culture, arts and heritage within Fenland.
- To oversee the management of the annual Fenland Poet Laureate Awards and to make recommendation as to the recipients of the award.

### **3.3.3 RURAL & FARMING EXECUTIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The specific terms of reference of this committee are:

- To act as a mouthpiece for the needs of Fenland's most rural communities, including the farming and wider agricultural sectors.
- To reflect any concerns that Fenland's most rural communities (including the farming and wider agricultural sectors) may have in matters for which Fenland District Council is responsible.

- Reflect upon flooding issues affecting the District.<sup>56</sup>

#### **3.3.4 PROJECT REVIEW EXECUTIVE ADVISORY**

The specific terms of reference of this committee are to review and make recommendations to the relevant executive decision maker in relation to particular proposals or projects referred to it for consideration by Council, Cabinet or any committee of the Council (other than Licensing, Conduct or Planning Committees).

Where a referral is from a committee, no full member of that committee shall sit on the review of that particular proposal or project.

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<sup>56</sup> Insertion approved 26 February 2024

## APPENDIX

### FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL CABINET AND PORTFOLIOS<sup>57</sup>

Councillor Chris Boden	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance, Business Rates and CPCA.
Councillor Gary Christy	Portfolio Holder for Enforcement for Housing, Licensing and Environmental Health, Port, SHA Transport (not car parks) and Yacht Harbour
Councillor Steve Count	Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Four Fenland Inspire! Leisure Centre Projects and Land Charges
Councillor Jan French	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for ARP, Car Parks, Parking Decriminalisation and Parks & Open Spaces
Councillor Sam Hoy	Portfolio Holder for Culture, Housing (not enforcement), Licensing (not enforcement) and Wisbech Town Board
Councillor Sidney Imafidon	Portfolio Holder for Assets, Business Premises, Environmental Services, Food Safety, Health and Safety and Heritage (except Wisbech High Street and Fenland Inspire! Projects)
Councillor Dee Laws	Portfolio Holder for Building Control, Flooding, IDBs and Planning
Councillor Chris Seaton	Portfolio Holder for Funfairs, Fenland Inspire! Projects (except leisure Centres), Markets and Wisbech High Street Projects
Councillor Steve Tierney	Portfolio Holder for Decarbonisation, Communications, ICT, Recycling, Refuse Collection, Street Bins and Dog Bins, and Street Sweeping
Councillor Sue Wallwork	Portfolio Holder for Cemeteries, Community Safety, Emergency Planning, Freedom Leisure, Military Covenant, Policing, Street Naming & Numbering, Street Pride and Travellers Site Pitch

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<sup>57</sup> Amendment made 23 May 2019, amendment made 21 January 2021, amendment made 22 May 2023, amendment made 19 May 2025