

# Executive Advisory Panels

Executive Advisory Panels are a key component of the Hybrid model of governance and the council's approach to inclusive decision making. The Panels are established by the Executive and provide advice to them. They enable a cross party approach to policy formulation pre-decision. They are consultative forums with no decision-making powers.

## 1. PANELS

1.1 There are five Executive Advisory Panels. The Leader of the Council shall have absolute discretion to create or change them.

1.2 The Panels are;

- Health and Wellbeing & Vulnerable People
- Climate Change, Environment and Growth
- Education, Skills and Employment
- Service Delivery, Performance and Customers
- Planning Policy

1.3 Where policy is cross-cutting, the relevant Executive Members shall decide which Panel they may use.

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 The Panels shall consist of relevant Executive members and 6 other Councillors as the Leader may determine.

2.2 Although the Panels are non-decision making, they shall be politically balanced to ensure that they reap the potential benefits associated with involving a range of representation.

2.3 Substitution arrangements shall apply with the consent of the Chair of the Panel.

## 3. CHAIRING THE MEETING

3.1 A relevant Executive member shall chair the Panel. In their absence they shall ask another member of the Executive to chair on their behalf.

## 4. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

4.1 All meetings of the Executive Advisory Panels shall be open to the public

except where the item under discussion is considered exempt or confidential in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

- 4.2 All Members of the Executive shall be entitled to attend Panel meetings.
- 4.3 Attendance by other Members of the Council or the public shall be in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules or by invitation.
- 4.4 The Panels may invite any person it considers appropriate, to its meetings to discuss matters of mutual interest or concern, or to advise. Such persons may only be given access to confidential and/or exempt information on terms to be decided by the Monitoring Officer, so as to ensure that the Access to Information Procedure Rules are observed.