

Proposals for change in Governance

- i. Herefordshire Council adopts the Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) [*Mayor and Cabinet*] model with effect from the 3rd day after the 5 May 2011 elections, as set out in the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended):
- ii. [*If Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) model*] The Leader of the Council ('the Leader') is elected by full Council at its post election annual meeting (or if the Council fails to elect a leader at that meeting, at a subsequent meeting of the Council). The term of office of the Leader starts on the day of his or her election as Leader and ends on the day of the next post-election annual meeting, unless he or she is removed from office or resigns, ceases to be a member, or is disqualified from being a councillor before that day;
- iii. The Leader [*Mayor*] determines the scheme of delegation for the discharge of the executive functions of the Council;
- iv. [*If Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) model*] the Council's executive arrangements are to provide for the Council to remove the Leader by ordinary resolution on notice during his or her term of office. If the Council passes such a resolution to remove the Leader, it will elect a new Leader at that or a subsequent meeting;
- v. The Leader [*Mayor*] appoints one of the members of the Cabinet to be his or her deputy, to hold office until the end of the term of office as Leader (unless that person resigns as a deputy leader, ceases to be a member of the Council or is disqualified, or is removed from office by the Leader);
- vi. The Leader [*Mayor*] may, if he or she thinks fit, remove the deputy leader from office, but must then appoint another person in his or her place; and
- vii. If for any reason the Leader [*Mayor*] is unable to act or the office of Leader is vacant, the deputy leader must act in his or her place. If the deputy leader is unable to act or the office is vacant, the Cabinet must act in the Leader's place or arrange for a member of the Cabinet to do so.

Transitional Provisions

The Chief Executive's scheme of delegation will continue after the 2011 elections until altered or confirmed by the Leader [*Mayor*].

The allocation of functions under Section 13 (3) (b) of the Local Government Act 2000 (those which *may* be the responsibility of the executive but do not have to be i.e. where there is a choice) will continue as for the current Council, until altered by the Leader [*Mayor*] or Council under the new governance arrangements.

Timetable

19 November 2010	Meeting of Full Council to pass the resolution to adopt proposals to changes to executive arrangements
5 May 2011	Local Government elections
On the third day after the local government elections 2011	Implementation of the amended executive arrangements
27 May 2011	<i>[If Leader model]</i> Post – election annual meeting at which the Leader of the Council will be elected and term of office commences