

Proposal	Constitution reference (if applicable)	Proposed wording
<p>Establishment of a Shadow Cabinet</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Constitution Part 4 - Executive Procedure Rules</p> <p>Insert new Para 2.4A</p> <p>2.4A.1 The Council recognises that the “Leader of the Opposition” shall be the leader of the largest political group on the Council (excluding the political group of the Leader of the Council), who shall be entitled to appoint a deputy, who shall be known as the Deputy Opposition Leader.</p> <p>2.4A.2 The Leader of the Opposition may choose to form a Shadow Cabinet in accordance with the Shadow Cabinet Protocol approved by the Governance and Constitution Committee.</p>

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		<p>2.4A.3 The Leader of the Opposition shall notify the Council and the Chief Executive of the names of the members nominated to form a Shadow Cabinet and of any changes in the membership of the Shadow Cabinet which may occur from time to time.</p>
<p>Attendance of Shadow Cabinet at Cabinet meetings</p>	<p>Executive Procedure Rules: 1.6 Public and Private Meetings of the Executive (a) Meetings of the Cabinet will be held in public except during consideration of confidential or exempt items as defined in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution. (b) the Chairs of the Scrutiny Boards, Vice Chairs of Scrutiny Boards and the Leader of each opposition group (or in their absence, their Deputy Leader) may attend meetings of the Cabinet as</p>	<p>Amendment to: 1.6 Public and Private Meetings of the Executive (a) Meetings of the Cabinet will be held in public except during consideration of confidential or exempt items as defined in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution. (b) the Chairs of the Scrutiny Boards, Vice Chairs of Scrutiny Boards, Opposition Leader and members of the Shadow Cabinet Leader of each opposition group</p>

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<p>To enable Shadow Cabinet members to ask questions of Cabinet members at meetings</p>	<p>Executive Procedure Rules:</p> <p>2.5 Questions</p> <p>(a) If two days' notice in writing has been given to the Monitoring Officer, a Scrutiny Board Chair, Scrutiny Board Vice Chair or an Opposition Leader or Opposition Deputy Leader in their absence, may ask the Cabinet Member a question on a matter set out on the Cabinet agenda for that meeting.</p>	<p>Amendment to:</p> <p>2.5 Questions</p> <p>(a) If two days' notice in writing has been given to the Monitoring Officer, a Scrutiny Board Chair, Scrutiny Board Vice Chair or Shadow Cabinet Member an Opposition Leader or Opposition Deputy Leader in their absence, may ask the Cabinet Member a</p>

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	<p>(b) Every question of which notice has been given under Rule 2.5(a) shall be put and answered without discussion.</p> <p>(c) A member under Rule 2.5(a) asking a question, once their question has been responded to, ask one relevant supplementary question which must arise directly out of the original question, whether it is answered or not, or arising from the reply. The question must be put as a direct question and not preceded by a statement.</p>	<p>question on a matter set out on the Cabinet agenda for that meeting. In the absence of the relevant Shadow Cabinet Member from attendance, a written response shall be provided and a copy of the response appended to the minutes.</p> <p>(b) Every question of which notice has been given under Rule 2.5(a) shall be put and answered without discussion.</p> <p>(c) A member under Rule 2.5(a) asking a question, once their question has been responded to, ask one relevant supplementary question which must arise directly out of the original question, whether it is answered or not, or arising from the reply. The question must be put as a direct question and not preceded by a statement.</p>

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<p>Shadow Cabinet members access to papers</p>	<p>Executive Procedure Rules:</p> <p>3.3 Provision of Copies of Reports to Scrutiny Boards On submitting a report to an executive member to be taken into account in making any key decision, the report author will give a copy of the report to the chair of every relevant scrutiny board as soon as reasonably practicable and make it publicly available at the same time subject to the report not containing exempt or confidential information as defined under these rules.</p>	<p>Amendment to:</p> <p>3.3 Provision of Copies of Reports to Scrutiny Boards and members of the Shadow Cabinet On submitting a report to an executive member to be taken into account in making any key decision, the report author will give a copy of the report to the chair of every relevant scrutiny board, Opposition Leader and shadow cabinet members as soon as reasonably practicable and make it publicly available at the same time subject to the report not containing exempt or confidential information as defined under these rules.</p>