

Article 4 – The Full Council

4.01 Meanings

(a) **Policy Framework.** The policy framework means the following plans and strategies required by law to be adopted by the Council:

- Children and Young People's Plan;
- Community Plan (Community Strategy);
- Community Safety and Substance Misuse Strategy
- Early Years Development Plan;
- Education Development Plan;
- Local Transport Plan (Local Implementation Plan);
- UDP: First Review (until 1st March 2008)/UDP: 'Saved Policies' (until superseded by LDF),
- Youth Justice Plan.

Together with such other plans and strategies which the Council have decided should be adopted by the Council meeting as a matter of local choice including:

- Capital Strategy;
- Corporate Asset Management Plan;
- Customer Strategy
- Corporate Plan
- Equality and Diversity Strategy
- Gambling Policy
- Licensing Policy

(b) **Budget.** The budget includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, proposed contingency funds, the Council tax base, setting the Council tax and decisions relating to the control of the Council's borrowing requirement, the control of its capital expenditure and the setting of virement limits.

4.02 Functions of the full Council

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

(a) adopting and changing the Constitution;

(b) approving or adopting the policy framework and the budget;

(c) subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution, making decisions about any matter in the discharge of an Executive function which is covered by the policy framework or the budget where the decision maker is minded to make it in a manner which would be contrary to the policy framework or contrary to/not wholly in accordance with the budget;

(d) appointing the Leader and Members of the Cabinet;

- (e) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for Committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (f) appointing representatives to those outside bodies to which the Executive does not make appointments (as specified in Part 3 of this Constitution);
- (g) adopting an allowances scheme under Article 2.05;
- (h) changing the name of the area, conferring the freedom of the borough;
- (i) confirming the appointment of the Head of Paid Service;
- (j) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting bylaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills;
- (k) all local choice functions set out in Part 3 of this Constitution which the Council decides should be undertaken by itself rather than the Executive; and
- (l) all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to Council.

4.03 Council meetings

There are three types of Council meeting:

- (a) the annual meeting;
- (b) ordinary meetings;
- (c) extraordinary meetings

and they will be conducted in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

4.04 Responsibility for functions

The Council will maintain the tables in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out the responsibilities for the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive.