

Article 4 - The Roles of Full Council

4.01 Meanings

- (a) **Policy framework.** The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:-
- Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan
 - Local Transport Plan
 - Youth Justice Plan
 - Food and Feed Law Enforcement Plan
 - The plan and strategy which comprise the Capital Programme
 - Council Plan
 - Local Plan and Core Strategy
- (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, the budget and any application to the Secretary of State in respect of any Housing Land Transfer;
- (c) subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Access to Information Procedure Rules, 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/or not wholly in accordance with the budget;

- (d) appointing the Cabinet Leader;
- (e) ultimately holding the Cabinet to account;
- (f) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (g) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an executive function or has been delegated by the Council;
- (h) adopting an allowances scheme;
- (i) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of honorary alderman or freedom of the borough;
- (j) confirming the appointment of the Head of Paid Service;
- (k) approving the dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer). Before deciding whether or not to approve any dismissal account must be taken of the conclusion of any independent investigation, the views of the Independent Persons Panel and any representations of the officer;
- (l) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting byelaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills;
- (m) all local choice functions which the Council decides should be undertaken by itself rather than the Cabinet; and
- (n) 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.

4.04 **Responsibility for Functions**

The Council will maintain a record setting out the responsibilities for the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of the Cabinet.