

## **Article 4 – The Full Council**

### **4.01 Meanings**

#### **(a) Policy Framework**

The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:-

- Sustainable Community Strategy (incorporated within the Council Plan);
- Development Plan documents;
- Gambling Statement of Policy; and
- The Capital Strategy and any plan or strategy for the control of the Authority's borrowing and investments.

#### **(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 Articles of the Constitution and Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of 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 not in accordance with Standing Orders or Financial Regulations;
- (d) appointing the Leader;
- (e) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (f) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment has been delegated by the Council;
- (g) adopting an allowances scheme under Article 2.05;
- (h) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of honorary alderman or freedom of the borough;
- (i) confirming the appointment of the Chief Executive;
- (j) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting bylaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or

personal Bills;

(k) 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 Procedural Standing Orders 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.