

ARTICLE 4 - THE FULL COUNCIL

4.01 MEANINGS

- (a) **Policy Framework.** The Policy Framework means the following plans and strategies:-
- (i) Plans the Council must adopt by law being:-
 - Annual Library Plan;
 - Children and Young People's Plan;
 - Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
 - Development Plan Documents
 - Licensing Authority Policy Statement;
 - Local Transport Plan;
 - Plans and strategies which together comprise the Development Plan;
 - Sustainable Community Strategy
 - Youth Justice Plan.
 - (ii) Plans the Government advises that the Council should adopt as part of the Policy Framework. These are:-
 - Council's Corporate Plan/Strategy;
 - Food Law Enforcement Service Plan;
 - Strategies for promoting, improving economic, social and environmental well-being
 - (iii) Other plans and strategies which the Council may from time to time decide should be adopted by the Council meeting
- (b) **Budget.** The budget includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, proposed contingency funds, 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.
- (c) **Housing Land Transfer.** Housing Land Transfer means the approval or adoption of applications (whether in draft form or not) to the Secretary of State for approval of a programme of disposal of 500 or more properties to a person under the [Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993](#) or to dispose of land used for residential purposes where approval is required under sections 32 or 43 of the Housing Act 1985.

4.02 FUNCTIONS OF THE FULL COUNCIL

As the highest decision making body 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, subject to the delegations to the Council's Chief Finance Officer set out in Part 3 Section 3 of this constitution;

- (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/or not wholly in accordance with the Budget;
- (d) appointing the Leader;
- (e) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for Committees and deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (f) appointing representatives to outside bodies. See also Part 4 1.3 (vi) for subsequent changes made after the AGM.
- (g) adopting an allowances scheme under Article 2.05;
- (h) changing the name of the area, conferring the titles of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Freeman 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.