

ARTICLE 4 – THE FULL COUNCIL

4.1 MEANINGS

• Policy Framework

The Policy Framework means the following plans and strategies:

(i) those required by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) 2000 to be adopted by the Council¹:

- Safer Leeds Strategy²
- Development plan documents³
- Licensing Authority Policy Statement⁴
- Plans and alterations which together comprise the Development Plan
- Vision for Leeds⁵
- Youth Justice Plan⁶

(ii) other plans and strategies adopted or to be adopted by the Council⁷:

- Best City Ambition
- Best Council Plan
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Local Flood Risk Management Strategy⁸

Additional plans and strategies may be approved or adopted as part of the Policy Framework from time to time.

• 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 setting of virement limits.

• Housing Land Transfer

Housing Land Transfer means the approval or adoption of applications (whether in draft form or not) to the Secretary of State to dispose of land used for residential

¹ The 2000 Regulations specify that the council's annual library plan needs to be part of this framework. The council is not however currently required to produce a library plan.

² This fulfils the requirement to produce a Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy

³ Section 15 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

⁴ This is the policy statement under the Gambling Act 2005.

⁵ This is the authority's Sustainable Community Strategy, which is prepared and modified under Section 4 Local Government Act 2000.

⁶ Section 40 Crime and Disorder Act 1998

⁷ In accordance with Schedule 4 of the Regulations

⁸ Section 9 Flood and Water Management Act 2010

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purposes where approval is required under sections 32 or 43 of the Housing Act 1985.

4.2 FUNCTIONS OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- adopting and changing the Constitution⁹;
- appointing the Leader;
- 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, except where those functions have been delegated by the Council;
- all those functions of the full Council set out in Section 2A of Part 3 of the Constitution; and
- all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to the Council.

4.3 COUNCIL MEETINGS

There are three types of Council meeting:

- The annual meeting
- Ordinary meetings
- Extraordinary meetings

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

4.4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

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

⁹ Except as provided for by Article 15.2