

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 Council:
- Annual Library Plan ¹
 - Best Value Performance Plan
 - Children and Young Peoples Plan
 - Children's Services Plan²
 - Community Strategy
 - Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy
 - Development plan documents³
 - Local Transport Plan
 - Plans and alterations which together comprise the Development Plan
 - Youth Justice Plan
 - Licensing Authority Policy Statement⁴
- (ii) other plans and strategies adopted by the Council in accordance with ODPM guidance which recommends adoption by the Council as part of the Policy Framework⁵:
- Food Law Enforcement Service Plan
 - The Plan and Strategy which comprise the Housing Investment Programme
 - Corporate Plan
- (iii) other plans and strategies adopted by the Council⁶:
- Council Plan⁷

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

• Budget

¹ Plan no longer required, retained on the Constitution until the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000 are amended

² Plan no longer required, retained on the Constitution until the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000 are amended

³ Section 15 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

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

⁵ In accordance with Schedule 4 of the Regulations

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⁷ This is comprised of the annual review of the Council's Corporate Plan and the Best Value Performance Plan.

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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 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.

4.2 **FUNCTIONS OF THE FULL COUNCIL**

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- adopting and changing the Constitution;
- 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.