

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 and Stronger Communities Plan²
 - Development plan documents³
 - Licensing Authority Policy Statement⁴
 - Local Transport Plan
 - Plans and alterations which together comprise the Development Plan
 - Vision for Leeds⁵
 - Youth Justice Plan⁶
- (ii) other plans and strategies adopted by the Council⁷:
- Council Business Plan
 - Children and Young Peoples Plan⁸
 - Health and Wellbeing City Priority Plan
 - Sustainable Economy and Culture City Priority Plan
 - Regeneration City Priority Plan
 - [Local Flood Risk Management Strategy⁹](#)

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

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 and also includes within it the Safer and Stronger Communities City Priority Plan

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. When preparing or modifying this strategy, the authority must (Section 4 Local Government Act 2000):

- consult and seek the participation of each partner authority (as defined by Section 10-4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) and such other persons as it considers appropriate; and
- have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

⁶ Section 40 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - this is included within the Children and Young Peoples Plan

⁷ In accordance with Schedule 4 of the Regulations

⁸ This includes within it the Children and Families City Priority Plan

⁹ [Section 9 Flood and Water Management Act 2010](#)

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.