

Article 4 - The Council Meeting

4.01 Meanings

(a) Policy framework

The policy framework includes the following plans and strategies:

- Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
- Local Plan and associated documents;
- Licensing Authority Policy Statement;
- Council Plan;
- Any other plan or strategy (whether statutory or non statutory) in respect of which the Council determines that the decision on its adoption or approval should be taken by it rather than the Cabinet;
- Pay Policy Statement.

(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 and, the control of its revenue and capital expenditure.

4.02 Functions of the Full Council

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- (a) adopting and changing 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 contrary to/or not wholly in accordance with the budget;
- (d) appointment of the Leader; (the Leader will inform the Council of the Deputy Leader and other members appointed to the Cabinet);
- (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 is an Executive function or has been delegated by the Council;
- (g) adopting a Members Allowances Scheme;
- (h) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of honorary alderman or freedom of the borough;
- (i) confirming the appointment of the Head of Paid Service and the designation of the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Finance (Section 151) Officer;
- (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 Cabinet or one of its members; and
- (l) 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 Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.

4.04 Responsibility for Functions

The Council will maintain the schedules in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out the responsibilities for the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of the Cabinet or one of its members.