

## **Article 4 – The Full Council**

### **4.01. Meanings**

- (a) **Policy Framework.** The policy framework includes the following plans and strategies:-
- ◆ Best Value Performance Plan;
  - ◆ Community Strategy;
  - ◆ Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
  - ◆ Plans and Strategies which together comprise the Development Plan/Local Development Framework;
  - ◆ The Council's Corporate Business Plan;
  - ◆ Food Law Enforcement Service Plan;
  - ◆ Local Transport Plan.
- (b) **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 the setting of virement limits.

### **4.02 Functions of the Full Council**

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- (a) adopting and changing the Constitution;
- (b) adopting and changing Protocols on the recommendation of the Standards Committee;
- (c) approving or adopting the policy framework and the budget;
- (d) 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;
- (e) appointing the Leader;
- (f) removing the Leader;
- (g) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference of Committees and deciding on their composition;

- (h) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an Executive function or has been delegated by the Council;
- (i) adopting an allowances scheme under Article 2.05;
- (j) confirming the appointment of the Head of Paid Service;
- (k) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting bylaws and promoting or opposing the making of Local Legislation or Personal Bills;
- (l) 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
- (m) 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; and
- (c) extraordinary meetings.

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

#### **4.04 Proceedings of the Full Council**

Where it is appropriate in order to facilitate meaningful debate at meetings of Full Council the Council will form itself into a Committee of the Full Council. The formation of such a Committee will have the effect of removing the constraints that traditionally attach to the participation of officers in meetings of the Full Council and relaxing the rules of debate.

#### **4.05 Responsibility for functions**

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