

## Article 4 – The Full Council

### 4.01 Meanings

- (a) **Policy Framework.** The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:-
- Council Plan;
  - Community Strategy;
  - Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
  - Plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Development Framework;
  - The plan and strategy which comprise the Housing Investment Programme;
- (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) approving or adopting the policy framework and the budget and setting the Council Tax;
- (c) the provision of guidance and direction to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the policy development programme;
- (d) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (e) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment has been delegated by the Council;
- (f) adopting a Members' Allowances Scheme under Article 2.05;
- (g) changing the name of the area or conferring the title of Honorary Alderman;
- (h) confirming the appointment of the Head of the Paid Service;
- (i) approving any joint arrangements, delegations to or from another local authority or contracting out in accordance with Article 11 of this Constitution;
- (j) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting byelaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills; and
- (k) 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) extra-ordinary meetings.

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

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