

APPENDIX 2 THE ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION – EXTRACT SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE POLICY FRAMEWORK

ARTICLE 4 – THE FULL COUNCIL

4.1 Meanings

"Policy Framework"

The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:-

- ~~Annual Performance Plan;~~
- Climate Change Strategy
- ~~Community Safety Partnership Plan~~
- Council Plan;
- ~~Plans and strategies which together comprise the Local Development Framework;~~
- Development Plan;
- Emergency Plan;
- Enforcement Policy;
- ~~Food Law Enforcement Service Plan;~~
- ~~The plan and strategy which comprise the Housing Investment Programme;~~
- ~~Local Transport Plan;~~
- Procurement Strategy; Contract Procedure Rules
- ~~Single Equalities Scheme;~~
- Sustainable Community Strategy.

"Budget"

The budget includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, the medium-term financial plan, proposed contingency funds, setting the Council tax, decisions relating to the control of the Council's borrowing requirements, the control of its capital expenditure and the setting of virement limits.

4.2 Functions of the full Council

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- a. adopting and changing the Constitution;

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- b. approving or adopting the Budget and the Policy Framework and any application to the Secretary of State in respect of any Housing Land Transfer;
- c. subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 8 of this Constitution, making decisions about any matter in the discharge of an Executive function which could have been (but was not) covered by the Budget and Policy Framework or 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. appointing or removing from office:-
 - (i) the Leader;
 - (ii) the Mayor or Deputy Mayor;
- e. confirming the appointment of the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer;
- f. agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for the Council's committees, sub-committees, etc., deciding on their composition and, subject to Article 8.3, making appointments to them;
- g. the appointment and revocation of appointments of representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an Executive function or has been delegated by the Council;
- h. adopting an allowances scheme;
- j. changing the name of the area or conferring the title of Honorary Alderman or Freeman of the Borough;
- 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 (Responsibilities for Functions) 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.

4.3 Council meetings

There are three types of Council meeting:

- a. the annual meeting;
- b. ordinary meetings;
- c. extraordinary meetings, including the Council Tax-setting meeting of the Council

and they will be conducted in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules in Part 7 of this Constitution.

4.4 Responsibility for functions

The Council will maintain the tables in Parts 3 - 6 of this Constitution setting out:

- a. those functions which are the responsibility of the Council;
- b. those functions which are the responsibility of the Council and which it has delegated to committees or officers.