

Article 4 – The Full Council

Introduction

The full Council is a formal meeting of all Councillors. The full Council is required by law to take certain important decisions including setting the Council's Budget and Council Tax and approving a number of key plans and strategies, which together form the Policy Framework (listed below). The full Council must also by law take decisions on a number of specific matters.

The full Council provides a central forum for debate and gives the opportunity for Councillors to ask questions about the Council or matters affecting the Council

4.01 Meanings

(a) **Policy Framework.**

The policy framework means the following plans and strategies required by law to be adopted by the Council:

- Safer Communities Strategy
- Sustainable Community Strategy
- Development Plan Documents comprising the Local Plan
- Adoption of Neighbourhood Development Plans, Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders
- Statement of Licensing Policy (under the Licensing Act 2003)
- Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy (under the Gambling Act 2005)

and 'those others which the Council has chosen to adopt as part of the policy framework.

(b) **Budget.** The budget includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, proposed contingency funds, setting the council tax base and 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.

(c) **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.

4.03 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 this Constitution.

4.04 **Responsibility for functions**

The Council will maintain the tables in Part 3 of this Constitution setting out the responsibilities for the Council's functions