

## **Article 4 - The Full Council**

### **4.01 Functions of the full Council**

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- (a) adopting and changing the Constitution;
- (b) approving or adopting the budget and those plans and strategies reserved to the Full Council and set out in Part 3 Section 1 of this Constitution;
- (c) approving or adopting any application to the Secretary of State under sections 32 or 45 of the Housing Act 1985 for the disposal of land for residential purposes;
- (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) electing the leader and removing him/her from office;
- (f) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them (except the Cabinet/District Executive);
- (g) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an executive function or has been delegated by the Council;
- (h) adopting an allowances scheme under Article 2.05;
- (i) changing the name of the area;
- (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 District Executive; and
- (m) all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to Council.

### **4.02 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.

#### **4.03 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 District Executive.

#### **4.04 Meanings**

**'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, medium term financial planning and financial strategy.