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

#### 4.1. Functions

The Council will be responsible for the adoption of the Council's budgetary and key policy frameworks.

### 4.1.1. Key Policy Framework

The Key Policy Framework shall mean the Corporate Plan and any policy or strategy required by law or by the Council to be approved by Full Council including the following:

- a) Children and Young People's Plan;
- b) Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy;
- c) Development Plan Documents;
- d) Licensing Authority Policy Statements;
- e) Local Transport Plan;
- f) Youth Justice Plan;
- g) Housing Strategy;
- h) Corporate Plan; and
- i) Annual Senior Officer Pay Policy Statement.

# 4.1.2. Budgetary Framework

The Budgetary Framework shall mean:

- a) The Revenue Budget;
- b) The Capital Programme;
- c) Capital Strategy;
- d) Medium Term Financial Plan; and
- e) To the extent it is not covered by a) to d) above:
  - (i) any plan or strategy for the control of the Council's borrowing, investments or capital expenditure or for determining the Council's minimum revenue provision; and
  - (ii) any other financial requirements that legislation expressly requires to be determined by Full Council.
- 4.1.3. The Council's functions are set out fully in Part 3 of this Constitution.

# 4.2. Council Meetings

- 4.2.1. There are three four types of Council meeting:
  - a) the Annual Meeting;
  - <u>b)</u> Ordinary Meetings;

- b)c) a Budget Meeting; and
- e)d) Extraordinary Meetings,

and they will be conducted in accordance with the Procedural Rules at Part 4D of this Constitution.

4.2.2. Full Council will normally have six Ordinary Meetings a year plus the Annual Meeting and a Budget Meeting unless it determines otherwise.

#### 4.3. Order of Business

- 4.3.1. Save for any statutory items of business, the order of business at Ordinary Meetings will be as follows:-
  - 1. Apologies
  - 2. Declarations of Interest
  - Confirmation of Minutes
  - 4. Announcements and Introductions from the Chairman
  - 5. Public Issues (Questions, Statements and Petitions)
  - 6. Recommendations from Cabinet and Other Committees
  - 7. Other Direct Reports to Council for Determination (e.g., Scheme of Members' Allowances, Outcome of Ombudsman Complaints, etc.)
  - 8. Notices of Motion under Procedure Rule 9.
  - 9. Questions from Councillors
  - 10. Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive
- 4.3.2. The Order of Business at Budget Council shall be:-
  - 1. Apologies
  - 2. Declarations of Interest
  - 3. Confirmation of Minutes
  - 4. Announcements and Introductions from the Chairman
  - 5. Public Issues (Questions, Statements and Petitions) these must address the business on the agenda in so far as it may relate to the setting of the budget for the coming financial year:
    - i. Revenue budget (including dees and charges and Housing Revenue Account estimates)
    - ii. Capital programme
  - 6. To agree Council Tax resolution for the coming year based on the above agreed budget
  - 7. To consider and determine the Cabinet's recommendations in relation to Treasury Management Statement and Prudential Indicators, as necessary

- 8. To consider any other business set out in the notice convening the meeting
- 9. To consider any business, brought before the Council by the Chairman on the grounds of urgency in accordance with s100B(4) Local Government Act 1972

# 4.4. Conduct of Council Meetings

Council meetings will be conducted in accordance with the law and the Procedure Rules as set out at Part 4D of this Constitution.