

ARTICLE 4 - THE FULL COUNCIL

1 **General Role**

1.1 All Councillors, acting together as Full Council, will have the following roles and responsibilities:

- a) adopting the Constitution and any subsequent changes to it;
- b) adopting the Council's Code of Conduct for Members
- c) agreeing the Council's Policy Framework and Budget;
- d) taking decisions in respect of functions which are the responsibility of the Executive which are not in accordance with the Budgetary and Policy Framework agreed by the Council:
- e) taking decisions in respect of functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive and which have not been delegated by the Council to Committees, sub Committees or officers;
- f) making appointments to Committees and external bodies:
- g) appointing the Executive Leader;
- h) confirming the appointment of the Council's Chief Executive;
- i) making, amending and revoking bye-laws and
- j) making standing orders and financial regulations.
- k) debating issues which affect the Council, its citizens and/or its area.

1.2 The extent and nature of these roles and responsibilities are set out in Part 3 of this Constitution.

2 **Council Meetings**

2.1 There are three types of Council meetings:

- a) the annual meeting;

b) ordinary meetings(including Budget Council);

c) extraordinary or special meetings.

2.2 All meetings will be conducted in accordance with the Council's Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.

3 Responsibility for Functions

3.1 Part 3 of this Constitution sets out the responsibilities for the Council's functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive.

4 Executive and Non-Executive Functions

4.1 Part 3 of this Constitution describes in detail those functions, which are the responsibility of the Executive ("Executive functions") and those, which cannot be the responsibility of the Executive ("non-Executive functions"). Apart from determining the Budgetary and Policy Framework Executive functions include everything which is not explicitly identified as a non-Executive function in the Local Government Act 2000 and subsidiary regulations.

4.2 Non-Executive functions include:

- a) licensing and regulatory functions (Article 10)
- b) granting planning permission and other operational development control functions (Article 10)
- c) the appointment, disciplining and terms and conditions of staff (Article 13)
- d) functions in relation to elections and civic appointment
- e) a range of functions relating to public rights of way