

Article 3

The Full Council

Introduction

This Article defines the functions that are reserved for decision by the full Council.

The Council is responsible for approving the policy framework and the annual revenue and capital budget. The Council also retains responsibility for (i) regulatory functions (which include planning, licensing and health and safety at work); (ii) certain constitutional and quasi-legislative functions (primarily the conduct of elections and making of by-laws) and (iii) most of the local choice functions which the Council is free to decide whether they are the responsibility of full Council or the Executive. The Council also has a role in holding the Executive to account.

3.1 Meanings

(a) Policy Framework

The policy framework means the following plans and strategies:

- (i) Those required by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended):
 - Community Safety Plan
 - Gambling Policy
 - Licensing Policy
 - Local Implementation Plan
 - Plans and strategies which together comprise the Development Plan
 - Youth Justice Plan
- (ii) Further Plans, which the Council considers, should or legislation requires to be subject to Council approval:
 - Council's Corporate Plan
 - Corporate Equalities Objectives
 - Licensing Authority Policy Statement
 - Corporate Parenting Strategy

(b) Budget

The budget includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, proposed contingency funds, setting the council tax including decisions relating to the control of the Council's borrowing requirement, the determination and 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 to the Secretary of State for approval to a programme of disposal of 500 or more Council properties 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.

3.2 Functions of the full Council

The functions of full Council are set out in Part 3A of the constitution.