

Article 4 The Full Council

4.01 Meanings

(a) **Budget and Policy Framework.**

The budget and policy framework means the following plans and strategies:-

Best Value Performance Plan
Children and Young People's Plan*
Community Strategy
Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy
Health, Social care and Well Being Strategy
Local Transport Plan
Plans and alterations which together comprise the Unitary Development Plan
Welsh Language Scheme
Youth Justice Plan
The Corporate Strategy
Housing Strategy

* This plan includes the Single Education Plan, the Young People's Strategic Partnership Plan and the Children and Young People's Framework Partnership

Other strategies that may from time be determined as being appropriate for adoption by the Council

- (b) **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.
- (c) **Housing Land Transfer.** Housing Land Transfer means the approval or adoption of applications (whether in draft form or not) to the Welsh Assembly Government 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.

4.02 Functions of the full Council

The Council will exercise the following functions:

- (a) adopting and changing the Constitution;
- (b) approving or adopting the Budget and Policy Framework, authorisation of the making of an application in respect of Housing Land Transfer under paragraph 4(5) of the Regulations, and setting Housing Rents.

- (c) subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Discharge of Functions) and/or (Decisions, Documents and Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended from time to time), 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;
- (d) appointing the Leader, Deputy Leader and approving the delegation of executive functions;
- (e) to determine which Committees and Advisory Panels etc, shall be established, the terms of reference of each body, the number of members (voting and non-voting) that each consists of and to make the necessary appointments to the bodies.
- (f) agreeing and/or amending the terms of reference for committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- (g) appointing representatives to outside bodies unless the appointment is an executive function or has been delegated by the Council;
- (h) adopting a scheme for Members allowances;
- (j) changing the name of the area, conferring the title of honorary alderman or to admit to be an honorary freeman.
- (j) appointment of the Head of Paid Service, and designating the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer;
- (k) making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting bylaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills;
- (l) adopting a Code of Conduct for Members;
- (m) all local choice functions set out in Section 6.3 which the Council decides should be undertaken by itself rather than the Executive Board; and not delegated to any of its committees or officers;
- (n) taking decisions in respect of functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive Board and which have not been delegated by the Council to committees or officers. These include;
 - i. Power to submit proposals to the Welsh Assembly Government for an Order under Section 10 of the Representation of the People Act 2000;
 - ii. Power to change the name of a community
 - iii. Compulsory Purchase Orders;
 - iv. Power to make rules of procedure;
 - v. Power to make Standing Orders as to Contracts and Financial Regulations;
- (o) approve delegation of non-executive functions to committees and officers;
- (p) all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to the Council;
- (q) to provide a means whereby Members may ask questions on matters relevant to the Council's purview and to bring forward motions for debate;
- (r) to receive reports from Committees on matters which have been delegated to them and providing an opportunity for Members to ask questions thereon;

- (s) to receive and confirm or otherwise the recommendations of Committees on non-executive functions not within their delegation or which a Committee has referred to the Council for decision, to enable Members to ask questions, propose amendments, or to pass such resolution or resolutions thereon as may be deemed appropriate;

4.3 Council meetings

There are three types of Council meeting:

- the annual meeting;
- ordinary meetings;
- extraordinary meetings which will include meetings for “first readings” of major policy and strategy proposals;

and they will be conducted in accordance with the [Council Procedure Rules](#) in Part 4 of this Constitution.

4.4 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 Executive Board.