

Part Three – The Mayor and Full Council Meetings

Section Two – Full Council

1.01 Full Council

The full Council is made up of 50 elected Councillors who represent the areas of the Borough called Wards. There are three types of Council meeting:

- (a) the annual meeting;
- (b) ordinary meetings; and
- (c) extraordinary meetings,

and they will be conducted in accordance with the Council's standing orders in Part 3 Section 3 of this Constitution.

1.02 Membership

Full Council comprises all 50 members of the Council.

1.03 The Role of Full Council

To act as a forum where all Councillors can meet on a regular basis, act as a focus for the Council, discuss and debate issues of importance to the Borough and decide the Council's budgetary and policy framework.

1.04 Terms of Reference

- (a) To approve and adopt the following plans and strategies subject to any variation that may from time to time be made in response to legislation and which together make up the Council's budgetary and policy framework:
 - (i) The Budget¹ and Council Tax,
 - (ii) The Medium Term Financial Strategy (including Capital Strategy)
 - (iii) The Treasury Management Strategy
 - (iv) The Treasury Management Mid-Year Review
 - (v) The Treasury Management Annual Report
 - (vi) The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget
 - (vii) The HRA Business Plan
 - (viii) The Community Safety Strategy
 - (ix) The Local Plan
 - (x) The Statement of Licensing Policy
 - (xi) The Statement of Gambling Policy

¹ The budget includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, proposed contingency funds, , setting the Council tax and decisions relating to the Council's investments, control of the Council's borrowing requirement, the control of its capital expenditure and the setting of virement limits.

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- (b) To adopt and change the Constitution.
- (c) To approve any application to the Secretary of State in respect of any housing land transfer.

Note: Housing land transfer means the approval or adoption of applications (whether in draft form or not) to the Secretary of State for approval of a programme of disposal of 500 or more properties to a person or to dispose of land used for residential purposes where approval is required under relevant legislation.

- (d) To appoint the Leader of the Council at the post election annual meeting or any subsequent meeting.
 - (e) To remove the Leader of the Council.
 - (f) To appoint annually the Mayor.
 - (g) To appoint representatives to outside bodies, unless the function has been delegated by the Council.
 - (h) To adopt an allowances scheme under Part 2, Section 3 of the Constitution.
 - (i) To determine any changes to the name of the area, to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderswoman or Freeman/Freewoman of the Borough and to confer Civic Honours and Adopted Status to units of Her Majesty's Armed Forces.
 - (j) To confirm the appointment of the Head of the Paid Service.
 - (k) To make, amend, revoke, re-enact or adopt byelaws and to promote or oppose the making of local legislation, hybrid or personal bills.
 - (l) To consider those matters referred to it from time-to-time by scrutiny committees and by other Council committees.
 - (m) To create, amend or dissolve committees (including joint committees) of the Council and to determine the terms of reference of such committees and to appoint members to serve on its committees.
 - (n) To adopt the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the Arrangements for dealing with complaints.
 - (o) To make a resolution not to issue any further premises licences for casinos in the Borough in appropriate circumstances under the Gambling Act 2005.
 - (p) To adopt a 'late night levy' under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.
 - (q) To consider and decide on any other matters which must by law be reserved to Council.
- I.05 The Mayor shall have discretion to allow external speakers to address Council meetings and take questions on a subject that the Council deems relevant to the work of the Authority.
- I.06 The Council may, when debating budgetary and strategy framework reports, which have been drawn up through the work of a formally constituted partnership, invite representatives of the relevant partnership to participate in the debate on that report but not vote.