

SECTION 5: ROLE OF THE COUNCIL

5. COUNCIL FUNCTIONS

The Council is the primary decision-making body of the Council and as such is responsible for the exercise of functions that are Council responsibilities.

Only the Council will exercise the following functions:

- appointing the Leader of the Council;
- electing the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Borough;
- approving or adopting the Council's Policy Framework and the Budget, including the Capital Programme and the setting of the Council Tax (see section 4.1);
- adopting and approving changes to the Constitution (see Part 2, para 1.5);
- subject to the urgency procedure contained in the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution, making decisions about any matter in the discharge of an executive function where the decision maker is intending to make a decision which would be contrary to the Policy Framework or contrary to, or not wholly in accordance with, the budget;
- approving changes to any plan, policy or strategy which forms part of the Council's Policy Framework unless there are no changes to the major provisions within the policy;
- agreeing and/or amending the roles and responsibilities of Committees, deciding on their composition and making appointments to them;
- appointing the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Development Management Committee, Audit and Governance Committee and Licensing and Corporate Business Committee at the Annual Council Meeting;
- appointing the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Policy and Project Advisory Board at the Annual Council Meeting;
- approving the annual Pay Policy Statement;
- approving any application to the Secretary of State in respect of any Housing Land Transfer;
- approving the Annual Budget, Business Plan and Investment in relation to the Rushmoor Development Partnership and Rushmoor Homes Ltd;
- adopting a scheme for Members' Allowances following the receipt of the advice of an Independent Remuneration Panel;

- changing the name of the area;
- conferring the title of Honorary Alderman or Honorary Freeman;
- confirming the appointment of the Independent Person (Standards) required under the Localism Act
- making an order to give effect to recommendations made in a community governance review;
- decision to dismiss the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer or Section 151 Officer (following consideration by an Independent Panel);
- making, amending, revoking, re-enacting or adopting byelaws and promoting or opposing the making of local legislation or personal Bills;
- determining local choice functions which the Council decides should be undertaken by itself or by a Committee rather than the Cabinet; and
- all other matters which, by law, must be reserved to the Council.