

BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

1. THE FRAMEWORK FOR DECISION-MAKING

- 1.1 The Council will be responsible for the adoption of a budget and major policy framework as set out in Article 4. Once a budget or a policy framework is in place, it will be the responsibility of the Cabinet to implement it.
- 1.2 Decisions by the Cabinet and any other Committees must be in line with the budget and major policy framework. The Senior Leadership Team and any staff with delegated authority (or otherwise authorised to act under a power delegated to another officer) will operate within the budget and policy framework and financial regulations and contract standing orders.
- 1.3 Any changes to the budget and policy framework are reserved to the Council.
- 1.4 The process by which the budget and policy framework is undertaken will be determined and kept under review annually.

2. IN YEAR CHANGES TO THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 No changes to any policy and strategy which make up the policy framework may be made by Cabinet or officer with delegated authority except changes necessary to ensure compliance with the law, ministerial direction or government guidance.

3. BUDGET VIREMENT AND CARRY FORWARD

- 3.1 These are governed by financial regulations and the detailed financial procedures issued by the CFO.
- 3.2 Any budget virement and carry forwards exceeding £25,000 that affects the level of service delivery requires the approval of the Cabinet.