

COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM No. 13(c)
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CONSTITUTION: MAJOR POLICY FRAMEWORK

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM : Director of Governance	
<p>The Council is asked to approve amendments to the Major Policy Framework (Part 3 Delegations – Section 1 – Functions Reserved to Council) in Appendix 1.</p>	

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Council from the Monitoring Officer who has a duty to keep the Constitution up-to-date.
- 1.2 The Major Policy Framework under Part 3 Section 1 of the Constitution should be reviewed periodically to take account of changes in legislation and in current policies produced by the Council. The framework has been reviewed and the Council is asked to agree the updated Budget and Policy Framework (Appendix 1).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Major Policy Framework lists those policies and strategies that are reserved for approval by full Council. The framework is split into three categories:
 - (1) Plans reserved to Council by Law
 - (2) Plans required by Statute and included by Local Choice (ie they can either be a Council or Executive function)
 - (3) Plans reserved to Council by Local Choice
- 2.2 The Framework has been reviewed. Policies need to be added due to a change in law or because plans have previously been agreed by Council. There are also a number of very old plans that are not required by law, or are no longer produced by the Council, or have been replaced by or amalgamated with other plans or strategies.
- 2.3 Paragraph 1.2 under Part 3 Section 1 “functions referred to Council” deals with budget and financial functions. The medium term financial strategy and council tax subsidy are now approved by Council and have been added to section 1.2.1-2.
- 2.4 The revised Major Policy Framework under Section 1 Part 3 of the Constitution is attached at Appendix 1.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Member/Officer Working Group has been consulted on the proposed changes to the Major Policy Framework.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Financial Implications - There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 Legal Implications - Those plans/strategies reserved to Council by law are set out in the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, Schedule 3.

Council also has discretion regarding which plans and strategies it would like to include within its major policy framework.

4.3 The purpose of the major policy framework is to provide the parameters within which the executive must operate when making their decisions.

4.4 Equalities implications – There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

5.1 None.

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Major Policy Framework