

PART 7.2

BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE RULES

1. The framework for decision-making

- 1.1 The Council will be responsible for the adoption of its budget and policy framework as set out in Article 5. Once a budget or a policy framework is in place, it will be the responsibility of the Committees to implement it.

2. Process for developing the budget and policy framework

- 2.1 Each year the Policy, Resources and Growth Committee will agree a programme for establishing the budget and policy framework for the following year. This programme will include provision for the Council to consider the recommendations of the relevant Committee(s) in respect of the content of the plans and strategies that make up the policy framework.

3. In-year changes to policy framework

- 3.1 The responsibility for agreeing the budget and policy framework lies with the Council, and decisions by Committees or officers with delegated authority must be in line with it. However, in approving the policy and budgetary framework, the Council may specify the extent of virement within the budget (in accordance with the Financial Standing Orders and Regulations at Part 7 of this Constitution) and degree of in-year changes to the policy framework which may be undertaken by Committees. In approving any plan or strategy forming part of the policy framework the Council will consider whether or not to delegate the power to amend, modify or vary that plan or strategy. Any other changes to the policy and budgetary framework are reserved to the Council.
- 3.2 These Rules shall be considered alongside the Introduction and General Delegations to Committees paragraph A 2 (b) and the Council's Financial Regulations and Standard Financial Procedures.