

B2 THE BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

1. Policy Framework: Definition

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1.1 The policy framework means the following plans, policies and strategies and such others as may be added by the Council. (Note: all other plans and policies shall be the responsibility of the Executive)

1.1.2 Required Plans

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- 1.1.2.1 Children and Young People's Plan
- 1.1.2.2 Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy
- 1.1.2.3 Local Transport Plan
- 1.1.2.4 Plans with Development Plan Document status which together comprise the Local Development Framework and the Waste and Minerals Development Framework
- 1.1.2.5 Sustainable Community Strategy
- 1.1.2.6 Statement of Licensing Policy under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003
- 1.1.2.7 Licensing Authority Policy Statement under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005

1.1.3 Recommended/Discretionary Plans

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- 1.1.3.1 Revenue and Capital Budget and the Capital Programme
- 1.1.3.3 Corporate Strategic Plan (including Directorate Development Plans)
- 1.1.3.4 Older People's Strategy
- 1.1.3.5 Cultural Strategy (including the Leisure Strategy)
- 1.1.3.6 Housing Strategy
- 1.1.3.7 Climate Change Strategy
- 1.1.3.8 Customer Service Strategy, Communication Strategy, Consultation Strategy and Community Engagement Strategy
- 1.1.3.9 Local Area Agreement
- 1.1.3.10 Regional Spatial Strategies including the MKSM sub-regional strategy (including Luton and South Bedfordshire growth area strategy documents, unless formally delegated by the Council to a joint committee)
- 1.1.3.11 Equality and Diversity Strategy
- 1.1.3.12 Joint Economic Development Strategy for Bedfordshire

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Deleted: Policy suite (including environmental policy, climate change strategy and sustainability strategy)¶

1.2 The title of the plans, policies and strategies described above may, from time to time, be varied. Notwithstanding any change in title, these plans, policies and strategies will be deemed to be still part of the policy framework until expressly removed by the Council.

2. Budget: Definition

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2.1 The budget includes:

- 2.1.1 the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects;
- 2.1.2 proposed contingency funds;
- 2.1.3 setting the Council Tax;
- 2.1.4 the Medium Term Financial Strategy;
- 2.1.5 the setting of virement limits;
- 2.1.6 formulating a plan or strategy for:
 - 2.1.6.1 the control of the Council's borrowing (including prudential indicators);
 - 2.1.6.2 investments (including Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Treasury Management Policy Statement (reviewed on a periodic basis));
 - 2.1.6.3 capital expenditure; or
 - 2.1.6.4 determining the authority's minimum revenue provision.
- 2.1.7 Fees and Charges (as part of the annual budget setting at full Council);
- 2.1.8 The setting of virement limits.

(Amendments to either the revenue or capital budgets which are made in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Finance Governance and Code of Procurement Governance set out at Part I of this constitution shall be deemed to be made within the budget).

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