

## 1. Policy Framework: Definition

- 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 policies and strategies shall be the responsibility of the Executive)
- 1.1.1 Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy
  - 1.1.2 Local Transport Plan
  - 1.1.3 Plans with Local Plan status which includes the Development Strategy and the Waste and Minerals Local Plans
  - 1.1.4 Sustainable Community Strategy
  - 1.1.5 Statement of Licensing Policy under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003
  - 1.1.6 Statement of Licensing Authority Policy under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005
  - 1.1.7 Corporate Strategic Plan / Medium Term Plan
  - 1.1.8 Older People's Strategy
  - 1.1.9 Housing Strategy
  - 1.1.10 Climate Change Strategy
  - 1.1.11 Equality and Diversity Strategy
  - 1.1.12 Joint Economic Development Strategy for Bedfordshire
- 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 remain part of the policy framework until expressly removed by the Council.

## 2. Budget: Definition

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); and

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 1 Part 4](#) of this constitution shall be deemed to be made within the budget).