

## **PART 2**

### Articles of the Constitution

#### **Article 4 - The Council**

##### **4.1 COMPOSITION**

The Council comprises 40 Members meeting as a body (or as many of those Councillors who are in office at the time concerned).

##### **4.2 FUNCTIONS OF COUNCIL**

The functions that can only be exercised by the Council are set out in [Part 3B](#) Table 1 of the Constitution.

##### **4.3 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

There are four types of meeting of the Council:

- (a) the Annual Meeting;
- (b) the Annual and Selection Meeting;
- (c) Ordinary Meetings, and
- (d) Extraordinary Meetings;

and they will be conducted in accordance with the Procedure Rules in [Part 4A](#) of this Constitution.

##### **4.4 STATE OF CHELTENHAM DEBATE**

The Leader may, and shall if the Council so resolves, call a State of Cheltenham debate on such date and in such form as shall be agreed with the Mayor.

The form of the debate shall be such as to enable the widest possible public involvement and publicity. This may include holding workshops and other events prior to or during the State of Cheltenham debate.

The debate will be chaired by the Mayor.

The results of the debate will be:

- (a) disseminated as widely as possible within the community and to agencies and organisations in the area; and
- (b) where appropriate, considered by the Leader in proposing the Budget and Policy Framework to the Council for the coming year.

#### 4.5 MEANINGS

- (a) 'Policy Framework' means the plans, strategies and policies so denoted in [Appendix C](#) to this Constitution.
- (b) 'Budget' includes the allocation of financial resources to different services and projects, arranging contingency funds, setting the Council tax base and the Council tax, decisions on controlling the Authority's borrowing requirement or its capital expenditure and setting virement limits.