

## Defined Terms

Throughout this constitution we need to use some terms which have particular meanings. Where we do this the meanings of the terms used are set out in each of the sections where they are first used. The following table sets out the meanings of the terms that are used most often in this constitution. Section A1 will also assist readers in understanding the context of what follows in the rest of this constitution.

<b>“Budget and Policy Framework” or “Framework”</b>	Is a term used to describe the core policies and budgets set by Council which set out what the borough’s priorities are and how Council will use its resources to deliver those priorities
<b>“Council”</b>	Is a term used to refer to all 75 Members operating collectively at a meeting to debate matters or take decisions.
<b>“the council”/“the Authority”</b>	Is a term used to refer to the organisation that is Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council as a whole (as opposed to just the 75 Members operating collectively in decision making mode). The term “the Authority” is also used in the same context as the term “the council”.
<b>“Executive”</b>	The Executive is a small group of Members responsible for the ensuring the budget and policy Framework is implemented.
<b>“Key Decision”</b>	Is a term used to describe certain types of significant decisions. The precise definition is set out in Section C3.
<b>“Leader”</b>	Is a term used to refer to the Leader of the Council who is a Member elected by Council to exercise special responsibilities and to chair the Executive.
<b>“Member/s”</b>	Is shorthand for “elected Member/s of the council”, often used instead of the word “councillor/s”.
<b>“Officers”</b>	Is a term used to describe the people who work for or with the council to deliver the services it is responsible for delivering. There are certain “Statutory” or “Proper” officers who have certain responsibilities (and titles) set out by law. “Chief Officers” are any of the Chief Executive or Directors. More information is contained in Section F.

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