

Article 16 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

16.01 Suspension of the Constitution

- (a) **Limit to suspension.** The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Rules specified below may be suspended by the full Council to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.
- (b) **Procedure to suspend.** A motion to suspend any rules will not be moved without notice unless at least one half of the whole number of councillors are present. The extent and duration of suspension will be proportionate to the result to be achieved, taking account of the purposes of the Constitution set out in Article 1.
- (c) **Rules capable of suspension.** The following Rules may be suspended in accordance with Article 16.01(b):

All the Council Procedure Rules except Rules 16.6 and 17.2.

16.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Mayor as to the construction or application of this Constitution or as to any proceedings of the Council shall not be challenged at any meeting of the Council. Such interpretation will have regard to the purposes of this Constitution contained in Article 1.

16.03 Publication

- (a) The Chief Operating Officer will provide arrangements for accessing a copy of this Constitution to each member of the authority upon delivery to him/her of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the member first being elected to the Council that a copy of the Council's Constitution is available for viewing on the Council's website.
- (b) The Legal and Democratic Services Manager will ensure that copies are available for inspection at council offices, at all reasonable times. Electronic copies can be viewed at libraries, and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.
- (c) The Legal and Democratic Services Manager will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.