

ARTICLE 16 - SUSPENSION, INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

[Statutory References: Section 9P Local Government Act 2000 (as amended), Chapter 10 DETR Guidance]

1. SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Rules capable of suspension. The following Rules may be suspended in accordance with Article 16.1.
- 1.4 All of the Council Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of this Constitution except those which have statutory effect.

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 The ruling of the Mayor of the Council 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.

3. PUBLICATION

- 3.1 The Monitoring Officer will give either a printed or electronic copy of this Constitution to each Member of the Council upon delivery to him/her of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the Member first being elected to the Council.
- 3.2 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies are available for inspection electronically at the Council offices, libraries and other appropriate locations, and hard copies can be purchased by Members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.

3.3 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.