

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 in whole or in part 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 in Part 4 of this Constitution may be suspended in accordance with Article 16.01b:
 - Council Procedure Rules (other than Procedure Rules 3.2 and 13(v))
 - Financial Regulations.

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 Constitution will be maintained on the Council's web-site and each member of the authority will be informed of the availability of the Constitution when signing their declaration of acceptance of office on first being elected to the Council.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies of the constitution are available for inspection at council offices and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.