

ARTICLE I - THE CONSTITUTION

1.01 Powers of the Council

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution.

1.02 The Constitution

This Constitution, and all its appendices, is the constitution of Charnwood Borough Council.

1.03 Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of the Constitution is to:

- provide a comprehensive document explaining how the Council works, who is responsible for taking decisions and how they will be taken.
- ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people;
- ensure decisions are taken transparently, efficiently and effectively;
- create a powerful and effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- ensure the highest standards of conduct of members and officers of the Council.

1.04 Review of the Constitution

The monitoring officer will review the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 15.

1.05 Executive Arrangements

The Council has adopted the Leader and Cabinet form of Executive. Schedule 1 to these Articles sets out which parts of this Constitution are the Council's executive arrangements under the Local Government Act 2000.