

PART 2

ARTICLES OF THE

CONSTITUTION

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:

- enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;
- support the active involvement of citizens in the process of local authority decision-making;
- help councillors represent their constituents more effectively;
- enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- create a powerful and effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- ensure that no one will scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;
- ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions;
- provide a means of improving the delivery of services to the community;
- maintain the highest standards of conduct of members and officers of the Council; and
- provide a comprehensive document explaining how the Council works, who is responsible for taking decisions and how they will be taken.

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 I to these Articles sets out which parts of this Constitution are the Council's executive arrangements under the Local Government Act 2000.