

ARTICLE 16 - SUSPENSION, INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

16.1 Suspension of the Constitution

(a) Limit to suspension

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Constitution may be suspended as regards any business at the meeting where their suspension is moved to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.

(b) Procedure to suspend

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.

16.2 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.

16.3 Publication

- (a) The Monitoring Officer will give a printed copy of this Constitution to Members of the Executive, Group Leaders, the Mayor, and any other Member upon request.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the Constitution is published on the Council's website. Paper copies 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.
- (c) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.