

Article 16 – Suspension, Interpretation and the Publication of the Constitution

16.01 Suspension of the Constitution

Limit to Suspension

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Rules specified below may be suspended by the Council, Cabinet or a Committee, to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.

Procedure for Suspension

A motion to suspend any of the Council Procedure Rules will not be moved without notice unless at least one half of the whole number of Councillors is 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. The motion shall not be carried unless approved by at least one half of the members present and voting.

Rules capable of Suspension

The Council Procedure Rules, except those that are not subject to suspension as set out in the Rules, may be suspended in accordance with Article 16.02.

16.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Mayor as to the construction or application of this Constitution or as to any proceedings of Full Council shall not be challenged at any meeting of Full Council. Such interpretation will have regard to the purposes of this Constitution contained in Article 1.

16.03 Publication

The Monitoring Officer will ensure that this Constitution is readily available to all, available for inspection at the Council's offices and published on the Council's website, and kept up-to-date.

The Monitoring Officer will deliver an electronic copy of the Constitution to each Member of the Council upon delivery to them of that individual's acceptance of office on the Member first being elected to the Council.