

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 by the 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** So far as permissible in law, all rules may be suspended by a majority vote for all meetings of the Council, Executive and Committee meetings.

16.02 Interpretation

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

16.03 Publication

- (a) The Head of Members' Services and Monitoring Officer will give a printed copy of this Constitution to each member of the authority on the member first being elected to the Council.
- (b) The Head of Members' Services and Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies are available for inspection at the main council offices (Riverside House, and can be purchased by anyone on the payment of a reasonable fee.
- (c) The Head of Members' Services and Monitoring Officer will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.