

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. However, there are occasions when it is helpful to the conduct of a meeting, or for other reasons, not to apply the Procedural Rules set out in this volume of the Constitution.
- (b) Procedure to suspend. A motion to suspend any rules will not be proposed at a meeting unless at least one half of the whole number of voting members are present. The extent and duration of suspension must be stated in the proposal.

16.2 Publication

The Chief Executive will ensure that copies are available for inspection at council offices and online, and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.

16.3 Interpretation

Any issues of interpretation of the Constitution shall be determined by the Monitoring Officer after consultation with the Chief Executive.

Schedule 1: Description of Executive Arrangements

The following parts of this Constitution constitute the executive arrangements:

1. [Article 6](#) Overview and Scrutiny Panels and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules
2. [Article 7](#) The Cabinet and the Executive Procedure Rules
3. [Article 10](#) Area Committees and Forums
4. [Article 11](#) Joint arrangements
5. [Article 13](#) Decision making and the Access to Information Procedure Rules
6. [Part 3](#) Responsibility for Functions