

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 unless the Chief Executive considers suspension to be appropriate to deal with an emergency or situation of urgency in which case he/she may suspend such parts of the Constitution he/she considers to be necessary to deal with the emergency or situation of urgency. The Rules of Procedure in Part 4 of the Constitution may be suspended by the full Council to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.
- (b) **Procedure to suspend.**
 - (i) The Chief Executive may suspend such parts of the Constitution as he/she considers necessary under (a) above by giving written notice of the suspension to the Mayor, the Leader and the Monitoring Officer.
 - (ii) The Rules of Procedure in Part 4 of the Constitution may only be suspended by motion to suspend. Such motion may not be moved without notice unless one half of the whole number of Councillors is present.
 - (iii) The extent and duration of any suspension under (i) or (ii) above will be proportionate to the result to be achieved.
- (c) **Restoration following suspension under (b) (i) above**
The suspension shall terminate and the Constitution shall be fully in force at the next Council meeting following the suspension or at the date the Chief Executive gives written notification to the Mayor, the Leader and the Monitoring Officer that the Constitution is restored, whichever is the earlier.

16.02 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](#).

16.03 PUBLICATION

- (a) The Chief Executive will ensure that the constitution is available on the Council's website, which may be viewed at Council offices, libraries and other appropriate locations, and can be purchased in printed form by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.
- (b) The Chief Executive shall make available a printed copy of this constitution to any Member upon request.
- (c) The Chief Executive will ensure that any summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.