

Article 15 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

15.01 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 Full 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

The following Rules may be suspended in accordance with Article 15.01:

- Ø Council Procedure Rules – all except paragraphs 16.6 and 17.2
- Ø Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules - all
- Ø Contracts Procedure Rules - all
- Ø Financial Procedure Rules - all

15.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Chairman of Council 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.

15.03 Publication

- (a) The Monitoring Officer will give a printed copy of this Constitution to each Member of the Authority upon delivery to him/her of that individual's Declaration of Acceptance of Office on the Member first being elected to the Council.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies are available for inspection at council offices, libraries and other appropriate locations, 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 Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.