

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 the 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 serving 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 only rules that may be suspended in accordance with Article 15.01 are the Council Procedure Rules.

15.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Chair of Full Council 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 shall have regard to the purposes of the Constitution contained in Article 1.

15.03 Publication

- (a) When a member is first elected to the Council, the Democratic Services Manager shall send an e-mail link to the electronic version of the Constitution to that member once the Democratic Services Manager has received the member's declaration of acceptance of office. The Democratic Services Manager shall also offer to provide a paper copy of the Constitution on request.
- (b) The Democratic Services Manager shall ensure that copies are available for inspection at the Council's principal offices and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee. It shall also be available on the internet.
- (c) The Democratic Services Manager shall ensure that the Constitution as published on the Council's website shall be kept up to date.