

ARTICLE 16 – SUSPENSION, INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Suspension of the Constitution

- 1 **Limit to suspension.** The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Procedure Rules specified in Part 4 of the Constitution may be suspended only to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.

- 2 **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 Members is 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.

Interpretation

- 3 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 Council. Such interpretation will have regard to the purposes of this Constitution contained in Article 1.

Publication

- 4 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that a copy of the Constitution is placed on the Council's website and that copies of the Constitution are available for inspection at the Council's Offices and Customer Service Centre and that copies are available to members of the public on payment of a reasonable fee.