

## **ARTICLE 16 - SUSPENSION, INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

This Article ensures that the Articles of the Constitution may not be suspended except in limited circumstances (as shown below).

### **16.01 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 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](#).

### **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 Monitoring Officer will take steps necessary to provide all Members of the Council with access to the Constitution, whether in hard copy or electronic format.
- b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies of the Constitution 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 summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.