

Article 20 - suspension, interpretation and publication of the Constitution

20.01 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.

20.02 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.

20.03 Publication

The Head of Paid Service will ensure that copies are available on the Council's website and for inspection at the Civic Centre.

20.04 Description of Executive arrangements

The following parts of this Constitution constitute the Executive arrangements:

1. Article 10 (The Overview and Scrutiny Committee) and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (to the extent that they refer to the relationship with the Cabinet e.g. procedures for call-in of Executive decisions);
2. Article 6 (The Cabinet) and Part 4.04 (the Cabinet Procedure Rules);
3. Article 15 (Joint arrangements);
4. Article 17 (Decision making) and Part 4.02 (the Access to Information Procedure Rules);
5. Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions);
6. Part 7.02 (in so far as they deal with the Delegation of Executive Functions to officers).