

## **ARTICLE 11 – SUSPENSION, INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

<b>11.01</b>	<b>Suspension of the Constitution</b>
<b>(a)</b>	<b>Limit to suspension:</b>
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>(b)</b>	<b>Procedure to suspend:</b>
A motion to suspend any Rules will not be moved without notice unless at least one half of the whole number of councillors 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.	
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Rules capable of suspension:</b>
The Rules specified in Part 4 of this Constitution may be suspended in the following circumstances:	
<b>(i)</b>	where it is considered appropriate in order to facilitate the conduct of meetings or the discharge of the Council's functions; or
<b>(ii)</b>	in cases of urgency, on the advice of the Head of the Paid Service, Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer.
<b>11.02</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
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.	
<b>11.03</b>	<b>Publication of the Constitution</b>
<b>(a)</b>	The Chief Executive will give an electronic copy of this Constitution to each member of the authority upon delivery to them of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the member first being elected to the Council.
<b>(b)</b>	The Chief Executive will ensure that copies are available for view on the Council's website and hard copies can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.