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15.1 Suspension of the Constitution

15.1.1 Limit to Suspension

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution may be suspended by the Council and Committees to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.

15.1.2 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 Councillors is present and voting. 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.

15.1.3 Rules Capable of Suspension

All of the Council Procedure Rules set out in Part 4, except Rule 18.4 (Recorded vote), Rule 18.5 (Right to require individual vote to be recorded) and Rule 24 (Suspension and amendment of Council Procedure Rules), may be suspended in accordance with this Article but in every case, only upon a request of two thirds of the Councillors present and voting.

15.2 Interpretation

The ruling of the Mayor of the Council or other person presiding 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.

15.3 Publication

15.3.1 The Monitoring Officer will give a printed copy of this Constitution to each Member of the Council upon delivery to them of that individual's Declaration of Acceptance of Office on the Member first being elected to the Council.

15.3.2 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies are available for inspection at Council Offices and other appropriate locations and on the Council's website, and

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printed copies can be purchased by anyone who is otherwise not a Member or an Officer of the Council on payment of a reasonable fee.

- 15.3.3 The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.