

Part 2: Articles of the Constitution

Article 1 – The Constitution

1.1 Powers of the Council

1.1.1 The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution.

1.2 The Constitution

1.2.1 This Constitution, comprising the following parts, is the Constitution of the Reigate and Banstead Borough Council:

Part 1: Summary and Explanation

Part 2: Articles of the Constitution

Part 3a: Responsibility for Functions

Part 3b: Officer Scheme of Delegation

Part 4: Procedure Rules

- Procedure Rule 1 – Access to Information
- Procedure Rule 2 – Council
- Procedure Rule 3 – Executive Functions
- Procedure Rule 4 – Committee and Sub Committee
- Procedure Rule 5 – Overview & Scrutiny
- Procedure Rule 6 – Policy Framework and Budget
- Procedure Rule 7 – Financial
- Procedure Rule 8 – Contract
- Procedure Rule 9 – Officer Employment

Part 5: Codes and Protocols

- Members' Code of Conduct
- Protocol 1 – Member/Officer relations
- Protocol 2 – Member Working Groups and Task Groups

Part 6: Members' Allowances Scheme

1.3 Purpose of the Constitution: The purpose of the Constitution is to:

1.3.1 Enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organizations;

1.3.2 Support the active involvement of citizens in the process of local authority decision-making;

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- 1.3.3 Help Councillors represent their constituents effectively;
- 1.3.4 Enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- 1.3.5 Create a powerful and effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- 1.3.6 Ensure that no one will review or scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;
- 1.3.7 Ensure that those responsibly for decision-making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions; and
- 1.3.8 Provide a means of improving the delivery of services to the community.

1.4 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution

- 1.4.1 Where the Constitution permits the Council to choose between different courses of action, the Council will always choose that option it thinks is closest tot eh purposes stated above.
- 1.4.2 The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 15.