

Article 16 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

16.1 Suspension of the Constitution

Limit to Suspension

16.1.1 The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended

16.1.2 Procedure Rules may be suspended by the full Council to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law. Procedure Rules relating to the Executive and Committees may be suspended by the Executive or the Committee as the case may be to the extent permitted within those rules and the law.

Procedure to Suspend

16.1.3 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.

16.1.4 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.

16.2 Interpretation

16.2.1 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.

16.3 Publication

16.3.1 The Proper Officer will ensure that the Constitution is available on the Mod Gov library, electronically available for inspection at Council Offices, and accessible on the Council's website.