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ARTICLE 18 - SUSPENSION, INTERPRETATION AND PUBLICATION OF CONSTITUTION

18.01 Suspension

Limit to suspension. The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Procedure Rules specified below may be suspended by the Council Meeting to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law. A motion to suspend any Procedure 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 into account the aims and principles of the Constitution set out in **Article 1**.

Rules capable of suspension. The following Procedure Rule(s) may be suspended in accordance with this Article:

- **Part 5 PR1 Council Meeting Procedure Rules**, to the extent specified in Rule 24.1 of those rules.

18.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Mayor (or person presiding) as to the construction or application of this Constitution or as to any proceedings of the Council Meeting shall not be challenged at any Council Meeting. Such interpretation will have regard to the aims and principles of this Constitution contained in **Article 1**.

18.03 Publication

The Monitoring Officer will give a copy of this Constitution to each Councillor upon delivery to him/her of the Councillor's declaration of acceptance of office on the Councillor first being elected to the Council. [The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the Constitution is available in hard copy to members of the public who wish to inspect it at the Council's offices and that an electronic copy is available on the Council's website. The Monitoring Officer will ensure that a review of the Constitution is undertaken at least every 2 years and that his/her recommendations as a result of such review are reported in writing to the Constitution Working Party if any changes are proposed.](#)

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