

Article 12: Suspension, interpretation and publication of the constitution

12.01 Suspension of the constitution

(a) Limit to suspension

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) 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 are 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.

(c) Rules capable of suspension

The following rules may be suspended:

- (i) all of the Council Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this constitution except rules 15.1, 16.1, 16.2
- (ii) all of the Committee Meeting Procedure Rules set out in Part 4 of this constitution except rule 6.

12.02 Interpretation

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.

12.03 Publication

- (a) The Monitoring Officer will make a printed copy of this constitution available for members of the Council.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that a copy is available for inspection at the Town Hall, and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.