

Throughout this document, according to context, “The Council” means either:

- the 54 Members of the Council (“Councillors”) meeting together in full Council or
- the statutory body administering local government in the London Borough of Havering

1. The Council’s constitution

The London Borough of Havering has a constitution which sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that decisions are properly made and are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others have been decided by the Council itself.

The constitution is divided into 12 articles which set out the basic rules governing the Council’s business. More detailed procedures and codes of practice are provided in separate rules and protocols at the end of the document.