

Article 12 - Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

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12.01 **Suspension of the Constitution**

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Rules in Part 4 may be suspended by the Council or Committees to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.

12.02 **Interpretation**

Council: The ruling of the Mayor or Committee Chairman as to the construction or application of this Constitution or as to any proceedings of the Council or its Committees shall not be challenged at the meeting at which the ruling was given. Any such interpretation will have regard to the principles and purposes of this Constitution contained in Article 1.

12.03 **Publication**

- (a) The Monitoring Officer will give an electronic link to the Constitution to each Member of the Council upon delivery to her of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the Member first being elected to the Council. Updates to the Constitution will be provided in electronic format.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies are available for inspection at Council offices and on its website, and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.
- (c) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available and updated as necessary.