

## **Article 1 - The Constitution**

### **1.01 Powers of the Council**

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution.

### **1.02 The Constitution**

These Articles (Part 2), together with the contents of Parts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, form the Constitution of The Sheffield Metropolitan District Council (known as The Sheffield City Council).

### **1.03 Purpose of the Constitution**

The purpose of the Constitution is to:

1. enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;
2. support the active involvement of citizens in the process of local authority decision-making;
3. help Councillors represent their constituents more effectively;
4. enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
5. ensure that those responsible for decision-making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions; and
8. provide a means of improving the delivery of services to the community.

The Council's vision is to be amongst the best performing Councils, providing the best quality services in the Country. It will work in active partnership with the community to create a successful Sheffield with a good quality of life for all its inhabitants.

### **1.04 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution**

Where the Constitution permits the Council to choose between different courses of action, the Council will always choose that option which it thinks is closest to the purposes stated in paragraph 1.03 above.

The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 16.

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