

Article 17 - Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

17.01 Suspension of the Constitution

- (a) **Limit to suspension.** The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Rules in other Parts of this Constitution may be suspended as set out in and 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 Councillors entitled to vote 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.

17.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Lord 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.

17.03 Publication

- (a) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that copies are available for inspection at Council offices, libraries and other appropriate locations, and on the Council's website.
- (b) The Monitoring Officer will ensure that a summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.

17.04 Definitions

In this Constitution '**Strategic Director**' means an Officer who reports directly to the Chief Executive (other than an officer whose duties are solely secretarial or clerical).

Any reference in this Constitution to an Officer job title is deemed to include an Interim appointment to a post with responsibility for the time being for the function concerned.

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