Article 15 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

15.1 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. Council Procedure Rules may be suspended in accordance with Article 15.1 to the extent specified in Council Procedure Rule 22.

15.2 Interpretation

The ruling of the Chair of Council 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.

15.3 Publication

(a) The Chief Executive will give, *on request*, a printed copy of this Constitution to each *an elected* member of the ~~authority upon delivery to him/her of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the member first being elected to the Council.~~

(b) The Chief Executive will ensure that the constitution is available for inspection at council offices, libraries and the Council's website.

Schedule1:Description of Executive Arrangements

The following parts of this Constitution constitute the executive arrangements:

1. Article 6 The Scrutiny Procedure Rules;

2. Article 7 The Executive Board Procedure Rules;

3. Article 10 Joint arrangements;

4. Article 12 Decision making and the Access to Information Procedure Rules;

5. Part 3 Responsibility for Functions.