

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chapter 16</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Interpretation of the Constitution</b></p>
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**16.1. Suspension of the Constitution**

**16.1.1. Limit to suspension.**

The articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The rules specified below may be suspended by the city council to the extent permitted within those rules and the law.

**16.1.2. 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 (Part 1) Chapter 1, and shall be only for as long as may be necessary to transact the particular item of business necessitating suspension.

**16.1.3. Rules capable of suspension.**

The rules which may be suspended in accordance with paragraph 16.1 are those specified in the standing order procedures of the council in Part 3 of the Constitution.

**16.2. Interpretation**

Matters of interpretation and the ruling of the Lord Mayor as to the construction or application of the 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 (Part 1) Chapter 1.

**16.3. Publication**

16.3.1. The City Solicitor will give a printed copy of this Constitution to each 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.

16.3.2. The City Solicitor will ensure the Constitution is available on the internet.