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1. SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTION

(a) Limit to suspension

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Rules of Procedure relating to meetings of the Council, Committees and Sub-Committees may be suspended to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.

(b) Procedure to Suspend

A motion to the Council to suspend any rules will not be moved without notice unless at least sixteen Members of the Council are present.

The extent and duration of suspension will be proportionate to the result to be achieved, taking account of the aims of the Constitution set out in Article 1.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1 The ruling of the Chairperson of the Council as to the interpretation 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.

3. PUBLICATION

3.1 The Chief Executive will ensure that:

(a) an electronic copy of this Constitution is made available to each Member of the Authority upon delivery a declaration of Acceptance of Office on the Member first being elected to the Council. Any revisions to this Constitution will be provided at the earliest opportunity.

(b) copies of the Constitution are available for inspection on the Council's website, at the authority's offices and other appropriate locations, and can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee;

(c) the summary of the Constitution is made available without charge and is updated as necessary.