

Part 1: Chapter 16

Interpreting the Constitution

16.1 **Suspending the Constitution;**

16.1.1 Limit to suspension;

The Chapters of this Constitution, other than the rules contained in Standing Orders (Part 3, Chapter 1), may not be suspended. However, the rules mentioned in Standing Orders (Part 3, Chapter 1) may be suspended by the County Council, to the extent permitted in those rules and the law.

16.1.2 Procedure to suspend;

A motion to suspend any rules will not be moved without notice, unless a majority of the total 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 in Chapter 1 of this Part – and must only be for long enough to transact the particular item of business causing the suspension.

16.1.3 Rules capable of suspension;

Rules that may be suspended in line with Chapter 16.1.1 of this Part are specified in the Standing Orders of the County Council in Part 3, Chapter 1 of this Constitution.

16.2 **Matters of interpretation;**

Matters of interpretation, and the County Council's Chairman's ruling on the interpretation or application of the Constitution or County Council proceedings, must be applied in line with the Standing Orders of the County Council in Part 3, Chapter 1 of this Constitution.

16.3 **Publication;**

The Monitoring Officer will ensure that a copy of the Constitution is placed, on the County Council's website and that copies of the Constitution are available for inspection at the County Council's offices, Information Centre, and that copies are available to members of the public.