

# Article 16

## Interpretation and Suspension of the Constitution

### Introduction

**This Article ensures that the Articles of the Constitution cannot be suspended and aims to provide certainty and stability to the fundamental aspects of the Council's governance**

### 16.01 Interpretation

The ruling of the 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.

### 16.02 Suspension of the Constitution

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. Other Rules and Protocols may be suspended by the body to which they apply (or if no such body by the Council) to the extent permitted within those Rules, and Protocols and the law.