

Article 14 – Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution

14.01 Suspension of the Constitution

(a) Limit to suspension

The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The Standing Orders specified below may be suspended by the Council to the extent permitted within those Standing Orders and the law.

(b) Procedure to suspend

A motion to suspend any Standing Order will not be moved without notice unless at least half of the whole number of councillors are present.

(c) Standing Orders capable of suspension

The specific Standing Orders which may be suspended in accordance with Article 14.01 are set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Council meetings.

14.02 Interpretation

The ruling of the Civic 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.

Interpretation of the application of this Constitution outside of any meeting of the Council is reserved to the Monitoring Officer and his/her determination is final.

14.03 Publication

The Head of Governance Support will ensure the Constitution is available to all Members electronically.

The Head of Governance Support will ensure that copies are available for inspection at Torquay Town Hall by electronic means and hard copies can be purchased by members, members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee. The Constitution is available on the Council's website (www.torbay.gov.uk).