

Article 1 – The Constitution

1.1 Powers of the Council

The Council will exercise all of its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution.

1.2 The Constitution

This Constitution, and its appendices, is the Constitution of City of Wolverhampton Council.

1.3 Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of the Constitution is to:

- a. enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, business and other organisations;
- b. support the active involvement and participation of citizens in the process of Council decision-making;
- c. help Councillors represent their constituents effectively;
- d. enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- e. provide for more streamlined, efficient and effective decision-making in an open, transparent and accountable way;
- f. ensure that no one will review or scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;
- g. ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions; and
- h. provide a means of improving the delivery of services to the community.

1.4 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution

Where the Constitution permits the Council to choose between different courses of action, the Council will be guided by that option which it thinks is closest to the purposes set out above.

The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 13. Any amendments, including those made by the Monitoring Officer, will form part of the Constitution.