

## **Article 16 - Suspension, Interpretation and Publication of the Constitution**

### **16.01 Suspension of Constitution**

- (a) **Limit to suspension.** The Articles of this Constitution may not be suspended. The rules specified below may be suspended by the full Council to the extent permitted within those Rules and the law.
- (b) **Procedure to suspend.** Any suspension of any of the Rules must be in accordance with the Council's Procedural Rules.

### **16.02 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.

### **16.03 Publication**

- (a) The Chief Executive will make sure an electronic copy of this Constitution is available to each member of the authority upon delivery to him/her of that individual's declaration of acceptance of office on the member first being elected to the Council.
- (b) The Chief Executive will ensure that copies are available for inspection at the Town Hall and on the Council's website [www.sthelens.gov.uk](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk). Copies can be purchased by members of the local press and the public on payment of a reasonable fee.
- (c) The Chief Executive will ensure that the summary of the Constitution is made widely available within the area and is updated as necessary.