

Constitution



Part 2: Articles of the Constitution

Article 1: The Constitution

1.1 Powers of the Council

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

1.2 The Constitution

This document and all the appendices referred to and any URL's incorporated herein form the Constitution of Newport City Council.

1.3 Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of the Constitution is to:

- enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;
- provide a framework for good governance and support an inclusive but accountable process of local authority decision-making;
- help councillors represent their constituents more effectively;
- enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- create an effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- ensure that no one will review or scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;
- ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decisions; and
- Provide a means of improving the delivery of services to the community.

1.4 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution

The Monitoring Officer will provide advice and guidance on interpretation of any part of this constitution. The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution.