

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 – THE CONSTITUTION

1.01 Powers of the Council

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

1.02 The Constitution

This Constitution, including all its schedules and appendices, is the Constitution of the Tendring District Council.

1.03 Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of the Constitution is to:

- 1 Provide key elements of the Council's overall governance arrangements;
- 2 Enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- 3 Create an effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- 4 Enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community, working in partnership with the local community, businesses and other organisations for the long term well-being of the District;
- 5 Support the involvement of the local community in the process of local authority decision making;
- 6 Ensure that no one will review, or scrutinise, a decision in which they were directly involved;
- 7 Help Councillors represent their residents more effectively;
- 8 Ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for their decisions; and
- 9 Provide the framework and structure in which cost effective quality services to the community are delivered.

1.04 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution

Any interpretation of the Constitution must have regard to the purposes stated above.

Part 2 – ARTICLES

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Where the context allows, words in the Constitution indicating one gender include both genders. Unless otherwise indicated, where a “day” is referred to, this will mean a “working day” and will not include weekends or Bank Holidays.

The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 15.