

PART 2 – ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1 – The Constitution

1.1 Powers of the Authority

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

1.2 The Constitution

This Constitution, and all its appendices, is the Constitution of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff.

1.3 Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of the Constitution is to:

- (a) enable the Authority to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;
- (b) provide a framework for good governance;
- (c) help Councillors represent their constituents more effectively through a comprehensive programme of Councillor development;
- (d) enable decisions to be taken efficiently and effectively;
- (e) provide a means of improving the deliver of services to the community;
- (f) create an effective means of holding decision-makers to public account;
- (g) ensure that no one will review or scrutinise a decision in which they were directly involved;
- (h) ensure that those responsible for decision making are clearly identifiable to local people and that they explain the reasons for decision; and
- (i) support the active involvement of citizens in the process of local authority decision-making.

1.4 Review of the Constitution

The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution as set out in Article 14.