

## **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.