
Appendix 2 – Constitution Home Page on Council Website

Constitution of the Council

The Council's constitution sets out how the Council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others are a matter for us to choose.

You can view and download the Council's Constitution in full [here](#).

Alternatively, if you know which part of the Council's Constitution you would like to view, you can access it using the links below.

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