

SECTION B ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – THE CONSTITUTION

1.1 Powers of the Council

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

1.2 The Constitution

1.2.1 This Constitution, and all its appendices, is the Constitution of the Chiltern District Council.

1.3 Purpose of the Constitution

1.3.1 The purpose of the Constitution is to:-

- 1) enable the Council to work with the community and local organisations to enhance Chiltern as a desirable place to live, work, visit and enjoy ;
- 2) enable the Council to meet its key objectives of delivering cost-effective, customer focused services, working towards safe and healthier local communities and striving to conserve the environment and promote sustainability;
- 3) enable the Council to meet its Sustainable Community Strategy of delivering (jointly with its partners) a thriving economy, a sustainable environment, safe communities , health and well-being and cohesive and strong communities;
- 4) provide and support the mechanisms necessary to secure continuous improvement in the delivery of services to the community;
- 5) enable the Council to provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with residents, taxpayers, businesses and other organisations;
- 6) enable decisions to be taken in an accountable way;
- 7) support the active involvement of the community in the Council's decision making;

- 8) enable councillors to represent their constituents effectively; and
- 9) encourage and ensure the highest standards of conduct from councillors and officers.

1.4 Interpretation and Review of the Constitution

- 1.4.1 Where the Constitution permits the Council to choose between different courses of action, the Council will always adopt the option which it considers is most likely to achieve the purposes stated above.
- 1.4.2 The Council will monitor and evaluate the operation of the Constitution in the manner set out in Article 14.