

## PART 2 – ARTICLES

### Article 1 – The constitution

#### 1.3 Principles of decision making

All decisions of the council will be made in accordance with the following principles:<sup>2</sup>

- a) the link between strategy and implementation must be maintained
- b) decision making generally, whether by individual officers, individual cabinet members or the cabinet collectively, should have reference to the policy framework
- c) respect for human rights, law, and probity and the constitution
- d) due reasonable and proportionate consultation
- e) ~~and~~ the taking of reasonable and appropriate professional advice from officers
- f) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome)
- g) a presumption in favour of openness
- h) clarity of aims and desired outcomes, including of the options considered
- i) consideration of the likely climate consequences and the likely equality (including socio-economic disadvantage and health inequality) consequences of the relevant decision and therefore reports for decision should include advice from officers of the likely climate and equality impacts of that decision.

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<sup>2</sup>(a) and (b) local additions; (c) to ~~(g)~~ (h) statutory guidance; (c) law and probity added to modular constitution principle.