

ARTICLE 1 – THE CONSTITUTION

1.1 Powers of the Council

The council will exercise 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 Warwickshire County Council.

1.3 The Purpose of the Constitution

The purpose of the constitution is to:

1. Help the council and councillors provide clear leadership to the community in partnership with citizens, businesses and other organisations;
2. Support the active involvement of citizens in the process of local authority decision-making;
3. Encourage openness and transparency by ensuring that those who make decisions are clearly identifiable to local people, and that they explain the reason for decisions;
4. Promote high standards of conduct by members and officers and provide a means of holding decision-makers to public account; and
5. Enable efficient and effective decision-making and improve the delivery of services to the community.