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Council constitution

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The council constitution

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

The constitution is divided into 16 articles, which set out the basic rules governing the council's business. More detailed procedures and codes of practice are provided in separate rules and protocols included with the constitution.

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