

PART 2

ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Interpretation

- 1.1 This is the Constitution of the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority ('the Authority'). It sets out how the Authority operates, how decisions are made and the procedures that are followed to ensure that the Authority operates efficiently and effectively and is both transparent and accountable.
- 1.2 This Constitution comprises six Parts and a number of Appendices, each of which form part of the Constitution. In the event of conflict between any of the provisions of this Constitution the following order of precedence shall apply in determining which provision shall prevail:-
- Appendix 1a and 1b (the 2014 Order and the 2020 Order as defined below)
Part 2 (Articles of the Constitution) Parts 3 to 6
- 1.3 In this Constitution, where the context permits:-
- 1.3.1 **'the Authority'** means the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority;
- 1.3.2 **'Chief Executive Officers'** means the chief executives of the Constituent Councils;
- 1.3.3 **'Chief Officers'** means the Authority's Head of Paid Service, Finance Director, Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive Officers;
- 1.3.4 **'the City Region'** means the Sheffield City Region which comprises the municipal areas of the Constituent Councils and the Non-constituent Councils;
- 1.3.5 **'the Combined Area'** means the area consisting of the municipal areas of the Constituent Councils;

- 1.3.6 **‘the Constituent Councils’** means Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council and Sheffield City Council;
- 1.3.7 **“the Deputy Mayor”** means the member appointed by the Mayor as such;
- 1.3.8 **‘the former ITA’** means the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority which was abolished by the Order;
- 1.3.9 **“the Mayor”** means the person from time to time elected as Mayor of the Authority in accordance with the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield (Election of Mayor) Order 2016 (as amended);
- 1.3.10 **“Mayoral Functions”** means the functions contained in the 2020 Order that are reserved for a decision of the Mayor in accordance with article 14 of the 2020 Order
- 1.3.11 **‘the Non-constituent Councils’** means Bassetlaw District Council, Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council, North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire Dales Districts Council;
- 1.3.12 **‘the 2014 Order’** means The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Order 2014 (SI 2014 No. 863) (see Appendix 1A);
- 1.3.13 **“the 2020 Order”** means The Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority (Functions and Amendment) Order 2020 (see Appendix 1B)
- 1.3.14 **‘Scheme of Delegation’** means the Authority’s Scheme of Delegation for the discharge of functions set out in sections B, C, D, E and F of Part 4 of this Constitution;
- 1.3.15 **‘Statutory Officers’** means the Authority’s Head of Paid Service, Finance Director and Monitoring Officer;
- 1.3.16 **‘Substitute Member’** means a Member of the Authority appointed under Article 3.2;
- 1.3.17 **‘SYPTTE’** means the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive;
- 1.3.18 **‘Working Day’** means any day from Monday to Friday (inclusive) which is not Christmas Day, Good Friday or a statutory holiday in England;

- 1.3.19 **'year'** means the municipal year which runs from 1st April to the following 31st March inclusive;
- 1.3.20 **'2009 Act'** means the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;

- 1.3.21 **'2017 Order'** means the Combined Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit and Standards Committees) Order 2017;
- 1.3.22 phrases introduced by the words 'including', 'includes', 'for example', 'in particular' or similar, are illustrative and do not limit the generality of the related general words.
- 1.4 For the purposes of this Constitution, an elected mayor of a Constituent Council or Non-constituent Council is to be treated as an elected member of the Constituent Council or Non-constituent Council.
- 1.5 In this Constitution references to **'Members'** includes **'Second Members'** within the meaning of Article 3.1 and, where the context permits, Substitute Members.
- 1.6 Any reference in this Constitution to any enactment shall include a reference to any amendment or re-enactment of that enactment.
- 1.7 In this Constitution the various 'Procedure Rules' constitute standing orders made in accordance with paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 of the Order.