

# Part 1: Chapter 1

## Outline

1. The County Council is committed to exercising its powers, duties and responsibilities:

- lawfully;
- fairly and equitably;
- openly and transparently.

### 2. **The Constitution**

This document, with all its appendices, codes and protocols is the Constitution of Hampshire County Council ('the Constitution').

### 3. **Purpose of the Constitution**

The purpose of the Constitution is to set out in a single place, and in clear language, how the County Council works and how it makes decisions.

The Constitution provides the County Council with an operational framework to do its job.