

## Article 5 – Chairing the Council

### 5.1 Role and Function of the Mayor

5.1.1 The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually.

The Mayor, and in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor, will have the following responsibilities:

5.1.2 to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;

5.1.3 to preside over meetings of the Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of Councillors and the interests of the community;

5.1.4 to ensure that the Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Councillors who are not on the Executive or who do not hold a committee Chairmanship are able to hold the Executive and Committee Chairmen to account;

5.1.5 to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;

5.1.6 to be the conscience of the Council; and

5.1.7 to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate following receipt of advice from the Head of Paid Service.