

ARTICLE 5 – CHAIRING THE COUNCIL

5.1 ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman will be elected annually by the Council.

The Chairman of Council (or if absent, the Vice-Chairman) will have the following roles, functions and responsibilities:

1. to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
2. 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;
3. to ensure that the Council is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Members are able to hold the Cabinet Executive to account;
4. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
5. to be the conscience of the Council; and
6. to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.