

# Article 5 – Chairing the Council (The Role and Function of the Mayor)

## 5.01 Role and function of the Mayor

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

### **Ceremonial role**

To attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.

**Chairing the Council Meeting** (Applies to the Deputy Mayor only if the Council so resolve)

The Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Mayor will have the following 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 meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and a place at which non-Executive Members are able to hold the Executive to account; and
4. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities.