

## **Article 5 – The Mayor and the Chair of the Council**

### **1. Election**

1.1 The Council will elect the Mayor annually at its Annual Meeting.

### **2. Mayor's Term of Office**

2.1 The Mayor will remain in office until:

- (a) the election of his/her successor at the next Annual Meeting, notwithstanding that he/she may cease to be a Councillor by reason of non-re-election
- (b) his/her ceasing to be a Councillor by virtue of being disqualified from office, or
- (c) his/her removal from office by a resolution of Council

### **3. Mayor's Functions and Responsibilities**

3.1 The Mayor and in his or her absence the Deputy Mayor will have the following functions and responsibilities:

- (a) To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary
- (b) 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
- (c) To exercise a second and casting vote at meetings of the Council in the event of a tied vote
- (d) 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 Members who are not in the Cabinet are able to hold the Leader / Cabinet to account
- (e) To promote public involvement in the authority's activities
- (f) To be the conscience of the authority
- (g) To attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate
- (h) To decide (in the absence of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee) whether a matter is so urgent as to allow the Cabinet to take a decision in respect of it even though it is not contained in the Forward Plan and 5 clear days' notice of the decision have not been given; or that decision concerns a plan or strategy forming part of the Budget or Policy Framework and would be contrary to or, in the case of the Budget not wholly in accordance with, that framework.