

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.