

## **Article 5 – Chairing the Council**

### **5.01 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected by the Council annually.

### **5.02 Role and function of the Chairman**

The Chairman of Council and in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairman 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 the place at which members are able to hold the Leader, Members of the Executive Committee and Committee Chairmen 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 the Chairman determine appropriate.

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