

Article 5 - Chairing the Council

5.01 Roles and function of the Mayor

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Mayor, or in his/her absence, the Deputy 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 the place at which members who are not in the Cabinet are able to hold the Cabinet and its members to account;
4. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
5. to be the conscience of the Council;
6. to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate; and
7. to mediate any differences of view between the Council and the Cabinet on setting the budget or adopting a strategy or plan.