

ARTICLE 5 - CHAIRING THE COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTIONS 3-7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 - SECTION 37 - CONSTITUTIONS DIRECTION PARAGRAPH 3(G)

5.01 Role and function of the Chairman

The Chairman of the Council and in their absence, the Vice-Chairman will have both a ceremonial role and that of chairing Council meetings.

The Chairman will be elected by the Council annually. The 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 who are not on the Executive are able to hold the Executive 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 they determine appropriate. The Chairman may on occasions delegate this function to their Vice Chairman, or in exceptional circumstances, another Councillor;
7. Cannot be a member of the Executive or Standards Committee; and
8. Can decide to be called Chair or Chairman during their year in office.