

Article 5 – Chairing Full Council

5.01 Role and Function of the Chairman

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

The Chairman, and in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairman will have the following roles and functions:

1. to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
2. to chair meetings of Full 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 Full Council is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Councillors who do not sit on Policy Committees or hold Committee Chairs are able to hold the Members of the Policy Committees and Committee Chairmen 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 Full Council and he/she determines appropriate; and
7. to attest the affixing of the seal of the Council (or in his/her absence any Member of Full Council).