

Article 5 – Chairing The Council

5.01 The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually.

5.02 Functions of the Mayor

The Mayor (and in his absence the Deputy Mayor) will have the following responsibilities:

1. To take precedence and be the first citizen of the Borough;
2. To promote the Council as a whole and act as a focal point for the community;
3. To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
4. 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;
5. 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 or hold committee chairs are able to hold the executive and committee chairmen to account;
6. To promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
7. To be the conscience of the Council;
8. To attend such civic and ceremonial functions as is appropriate; and
9. In the absence of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to consider proposals from Cabinet Members for urgent key decisions to be taken.