

## ARTICLE 5 – CHAIRING THE COUNCIL

<b>5.01</b>	<b>Role and Function of the Mayor</b>
The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Mayor (and, in their absence, the Deputy Mayor) will have the following principal responsibilities:	
(a)	to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
(b)	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;
(c)	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;
(d)	to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
(e)	to act with impartiality when discharging all Mayoral roles and responsibilities;
(f)	to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and they determine appropriate.
(NB. In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor can be a member of the Executive.)	