

## **ARTICLE 5 – CHAIRING THE COUNCIL**

### **5.1 Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman**

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

### **5.2 Responsibilities**

The Chairman of Council and in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman of Council, will have the following 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 with regard to the rights of Members 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 are able to hold the Executive and Portfolio Holders (if any) to account;
- (d) to promote public involvement in the Council's activities; and
- (e) to attend such civic and ceremonial functions (or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman of Council) as the Council and s/he determines appropriate.