

ARTICLE 5 - THE MAYOR

5.1 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

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

5.2 Role and function of the Mayor

1. The Mayor 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 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 in an impartial and non-political manner so as to promote at all times the best interests of the Council and Borough as a whole; and
 - (f) to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.
2. In the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor will assume the responsibilities of the Mayor.
3. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor may not be appointed as a member of the Executive.

5.3 Period of Office

1. The Mayor shall, unless he or she resigns or is disqualified, continue in office until a successor becomes entitled to act as Mayor. The Deputy Mayor shall, unless he or she resigns or is disqualified, hold office until immediately after the election of a Mayor at the next Annual Meeting of the Council.
2. During their terms of office, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor shall continue to be members of the Council notwithstanding the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 relating to the retirement of councillors.