

Article 5 – Chairing the Council

5.01 Role and function of the Chair

The Chair will be elected by the Council at its annual meeting. The Chair (and, in their absence, the Vice-Chair) 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 a 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 represent the Council; and
- (f) to perform the ambassadorial role of the Chair by attending such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and/or the Chair determines appropriate.

Note: For the year 2024/25, the Chair of the Council is Councillor Roberta Swiers and the Vice-Chair is Councillor George Jabbour.