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1. The Chairman of the Council will be elected by the Council annually. The chairman and in his/her absence the vice-chairman will have the following roles and functions:-

- 1.1 Chairing the Council Meeting**

- 1.1.1 To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
- 1.1.2 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;
- 1.1.3 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 and who do not hold committee chairs are able to hold the Executive and committee chairmen to account; and
- 1.1.4 To promote public involvement in the Council's activities.

- 1.2 Civic/Ceremonial**

- 1.2.1 To attend such civic and ceremonial events as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.