

Section 5

The Chair of the Council

5.1 Role and Function of the Chair

The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council. The Chair and Vice-Chair may not be members of the Executive.

The Chair of the Council and, in their absence, the Vice-Chair, will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) the Chair of the Council is the civic head of the Council and will represent the Council at such civic and ceremonial functions, including at the funerals of past or serving Members (subject to the wishes of the families) as the Council and they determine appropriate and will also act as the Council's ambassador within and outside the District.
- (b) to preside over meetings of the Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively having 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 determine strategic objectives, policies, and programmes to be followed.
- (d) to promote public involvement in the Council's activities.
- (e) to maintain the dignity of the office and at no time bring discredit to it or the Council.
- (f) to be available for consultation on any matter upon which consultation with the Chair of the Council is required under this Constitution.

5.2 Chair's Fundraising

- (i) The Chair may organise, engage in or otherwise be involved in events for the purposes of fund raising for their chosen charities as determined at the start of the municipal year.
- (ii) The Chief Executive shall, in consultation with the Chair of the Council, determine the distribution of the Chair's fundraising and all matters including events, town twinning arrangements and monies raised throughout the year.