

Section 5

The Chairman of the Council

5.1 ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

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

The Chairman of the Council and, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairman, will have the following roles and functions:

- (a) the Chairman 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 he/she 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 Chairman of the Council is required under this Constitution.

5.2 CHAIRMAN'S FUNDRAISING

- (i) The Chairman 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 Managing Director shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, determine the distribution of the Chairman's fundraising and all matters including events, town twinning arrangements and monies raised throughout the year.