

Article 5 –The Mayoralty

5.01 **The Role and Functions of the Mayor**

The Mayor and in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor will have the following roles and functions:

The Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Mayor will have the following responsibilities:

- (i) to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary having received advice from appropriate officers;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) 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 non-Cabinet Members or non-Committee Chairmen are able to hold the Cabinet and Committee chairmen to account;
- (iv) to promote public involvement in the Council's activities; and
- (v) to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.

5.02 **The Selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor**

The Cabinet shall meet during February in every year for the purpose of selecting and recommending to the Council a person or persons for consideration for election as next Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively. Such recommendations shall be considered by the Council at its meeting in March.