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Article 5 – Chairing the Council

Appendix 1

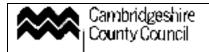
ARTICLE 5 - CHAIRING THE COUNCIL

5.01 Role and Function of the Chairman/woman of the Council

The Chairman/woman of the Council will be elected by the Council at the Annual Meeting. The Chairman/woman of Council, and in the Chairman/woman's absence the Vice-Chairman/woman, will have the following roles and functions:

- 1. To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution.
- 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.
- 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 are able to hold each other to account.
- 4. To promote public involvement in the Council's activities.
- 5. To be the conscience of the Council.
- **6.** To attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and the Chairman/woman determine appropriate-, **for example to:**
 - preside over citizenship ceremonies
 - present awards
 - officially open new buildings and projects
 - attend twinning events
 - attend funerals of Members and officers who die in service and civic dignitaries past and present.

In cases of doubt as to what does and does not constitute a civic or ceremonial function, the final decision shall rest with the Monitoring Officer following discussion with the Chairman/woman.



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