

## **ARTICLE 5 - THE MAYOR**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Mayor and, in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor, will have the following responsibilities:

- (i) to be the first citizen of the Borough and attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate;
- (ii) to sign ceremonial documents;
- (iii) to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) 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 Cabinet are able to hold the Cabinet to account;
- (vi) at Council meetings, to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
- (vii) in the absence of the chair of the Scrutiny Management Board, to give consent to a key decision which has not been included in the forward plan in a case of special urgency under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution;
- (viii) in the absence of the chair of the Scrutiny Management Board, to give consent to an urgent decision of the Cabinet outside the Budget and Policy Framework under Rule 4 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution; and
- (ix) to give consent to an urgent decision otherwise subject to call-in under Rule 14 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

The Mayor may appoint a Mayoress/Consort and the Deputy Mayor may appoint a Deputy Mayoress/Consort to accompany them on civic and ceremonial occasions.