

Article 5 - Chairing the Council

1 The Presiding Member

The Chair of Council is to be known as the Presiding Member and the Vice Chair is to be known as the Deputy Presiding Member. The Presiding Member and, in his/her absence, the Deputy Presiding Member will have the following roles and functions:

- a) To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
- b) 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;
- 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 are able to hold the Cabinet and other office holders to account;
- d) To promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
- e) To be responsible for deciding the validity of any call-in of Cabinet decisions;
- f) To be the conscience of the Council;
- g) To attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate;
- h) The Council shall elect the Presiding Member annually at the Annual Meeting of Council; and
- i) To undertake the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013.

2 The Ceremonial Role

The Presiding Member shall deputise for the Lord Mayor if the Deputy Lord Mayor is unavailable for that purpose.