

Article 5 – The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

5.1 Role and Function of the Mayor

- a. The Mayor will be elected and the Deputy Mayor will be appointed at the Annual Council meeting. The methodology for the rotation of the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor is contained in Part 4 to this Constitution.
- b. The Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors applies to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- c. Neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor may be a Cabinet Member during their respective term of office. The Mayor, during his/her respective term of office, will not serve on any Regulatory Committee of the Council including the Planning and Licensing Committees.
- d. The Mayor and in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor, have the following roles and functions:

5.2 Ceremonial Role

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor will represent the City at local, regional, national and international civic and ceremonial events.

5.3 Chairing the Full Council Meeting

The Mayor has the following responsibilities:

- a. to uphold and promote Wolverhampton and the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret and give rulings on the Constitution where necessary and following appropriate advice from the Monitoring Officer;
- b. to preside over meetings of the Full 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 Full Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Councillors who are not on the Cabinet are able to hold the Cabinet to account;
- d. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
- e. to be the conscience of the Council;
- f. The protocol governing the use of the Mayor's casting vote at meetings of the Full Council is set out in Part 4 to this Constitution.