

**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 elected at the Annual Council meeting.
- b. Neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor may be a Cabinet Member during their respective term of office. The Mayor, during their respective term of office, will not serve on any Regulatory Committee of the Council including the Planning and Licensing Committees.
- c. The Mayor and, in their 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 Responsibilities**

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. to attend or be represented at such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and they determine appropriate;
- g. to determine any matter referred to them under the urgency provisions of the Access to Information Procedure Rules or the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution;
- h. to be consulted on any matter to which consultation with the Chair of the Council is required under this Constitution.