

**5. ARTICLE 5 - CHAIRING THE COUNCIL**

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**5.1 Role and Functions of the Mayor of the Council**

The Mayor of the Council and, in their absence, the Deputy Mayor will have the following roles and functions:

**5.1.1 Civic and Ceremonial Role**

The Mayor represents the symbol of the Council and the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. They are seen as the First Citizen of the Borough and in civic and ceremonial matters will take precedence.

**5.1.2 Charing the Council Meetings**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be elected by the Council annually.

The Mayor will have the following responsibilities:

- (i) to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) 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 a particular Committee are able to hold that Committee to account;
- (iv) to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
- (v) to be the conscience of the Council; and
- (vi) to attend or be represented at such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and they determine appropriate.
- (vii) The Deputy Mayor will deputise for the Mayor whenever the Mayor is otherwise unavailable or unable to act.