

## **PART 2 – ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION**

### **Article 5 – Chairing the Council**

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#### **5.1 Role and Function of the Lord Mayor**

The Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Lord Mayor and in the absence of the Lord Mayor, the Deputy Lord Mayor will preside at the meetings of the Council and 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 before the meeting and the place at which Councillors who are not members of the Cabinet are able to hold the Cabinet to account;
- (d) to carry out duties in respect of Members' Family Absence as required under the Family Absence for Members of Local Authorities (Wales) Regulations 2013.