

Article 5 – Chairing The Council

5.1 Role and function of the Mayor

The Mayor and in his/her absence, the deputy mayor will have the following roles and functions:

The Mayor will be elected by the Council annually. The Mayor will have the following responsibilities:

1. to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to receive advice and interpret the Constitution when necessary;
2. 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;
3. 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 Committee Chairs to account;
4. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
5. to be the conscience of the Council and to undertake appropriate civic initiatives; and
6. to attend such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he/she determines appropriate.

5.2 First Citizen

The Mayor shall be the first citizen of the Borough of Calderdale.

5.3 Promotion of the Council

The Mayor will have a role in promoting the Council as a whole and act as a focal point for the community. This role is distinct from the role of the Leader and Cabinet in promoting the Council.

5.4 Urgent Decisions

To act in accordance with the procedure for taking urgent decisions in accordance with the Access to Information Procedure Rules and Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Part 4 of this Constitution.

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