

## **Article 5 – The Chairman of the Council**

### **5.1 Role and Function of the Chairman of the County Council**

- (a) The Chairman will be elected by the Council annually.
- (b) The Chairman of the Council, and in his/her absence, the Civic Chairman of Derbyshire County Council, will have the following roles and functions to:
- Preside over meetings of the Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of Elected Members and the interests of the community;
  - Uphold and promote the Council's Constitution, and to interpret the Council Procedure Rules when necessary;
  - Have the discretion to exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes at the Council meeting;
  - Ensure that the Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which Elected Members who are not on the Cabinet can hold the Leader and Cabinet Members to account;
  - Promote public involvement in the Council's activities and to be the conscience of the Council;
  - Be consulted on any matter in relation to which consultation with the Chairman of the Council is required under the Constitution;
  - Request such additional meetings of the Council as may be considered necessary or appropriate;
  - Be responsible for personal development and undergo appropriate development and continuous improvement for any role undertaken; and
  - In the absence of the Civic Chairman or the Vice-Chairman of the Council this postholder may be invited to attend a civic or ceremonial event on behalf of the County Council if the need is required/deemed appropriate.

The Chairman of the Council may not be appointed to the Cabinet.