

## **Part 2 – The Articles**

### **Chapter 5 – Ceremonial Council and The Mayor**

#### **1. Status and Membership**

1.1 The Ceremonial Council is a committee established under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and comprises the 51 directly elected Councillors meeting as a body (or as many of those Councillors who are in office at the time concerned). While it comprises all Members of the Council, it is not a meeting of the Council as defined in Section 8 and Schedule 12 to the 1972 Act and, as such, its role should not be confused with that of the Assembly.

#### **2. Functions of the Ceremonial Council**

2.1 The Ceremonial Council has the following functions:

- (i) Election of the Mayor;
- (ii) Awarding the Freedom of the Borough;
- (iii) Awarding the status of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman;
- (iv) Making any other special awards.

2.2 The awarding of the Freedom of the Borough and status of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman shall take place at an extraordinary meeting of the Ceremonial Council, called for that specific purpose and in accordance with approved protocols. To carry a motion in respect of the awarding of the Freedom of the Borough and the status of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman, at least two-thirds overall majority of those Councillors present and voting at the extraordinary meeting must agree in order for the motion to be passed.

#### **3. The Mayor and the Mayor's Term of Office**

3.1 The Ceremonial Council shall elect a Mayor from the membership of the Council at its annual meeting.

3.2 The Mayor shall remain in office until:

- (a) the election of his/her successor at the next Annual Ceremonial Council meeting, notwithstanding that he/she may cease to be a Councillor by reason of not being re-elected;
- (b) his/her ceasing to be a Councillor by virtue of being disqualified from office; or
- (c) his/her removal from office by a resolution of the Assembly. The process to be followed for the removal from office of the Mayor shall be the same process as set out in Part 2, Chapter 4 in respect of a motion to remove the Leader of the Council from office.