

Article 5 of the Constitution

The Lord Mayor of York, The Sheriff of York and Chairing The Council

Role and function of the Lord Mayor

- 1 The Lord Mayor will be elected by the Council at its annual meeting. The Lord Mayor (and, in his/her absence, the Deputy Lord Mayor) will have the following responsibilities:

Ceremonial Role

- i. to maintain the historical and ceremonial traditions of the office of Lord Mayor;
- ii. to promote the City locally, nationally and internationally;
- iii. to participate in, and help initiate, activities that enhance the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of the City and its residents;
- iv. to act as patron/president to local organisations;
- v. to act as the host to official visitors to the City;
- vi. to attend annual civic events and local community activities;
- vii. to represent the City at ceremonial events;
- viii. to act as the City's representative on other occasions as determined by Council;
- ix. to act as guardian to the Mansion House; and
- x. to carry out all duties in a manner appropriate to the status and traditions of the office.

Chairing the Council Meeting

- 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 a place at which Members who are not on the Executive are able to hold the Executive to account; and
- iv. to promote public involvement in the Council's activities.

Role and function of the Sheriff of York

- 2 The Sheriff of York will be elected by the Council at its annual meeting. The Sheriff of York will have the following responsibilities:

Role and Responsibilities

- i. to support the Lord Mayor in his/her duties and activities;
- ii. to undertake ceremonial activities as required;
- iii. to act as patron/president to local organisations;
- iv. to maintain the historical and ceremonial traditions of Sheriff;
- v. to carry out other duties as deemed appropriate by the Council, consistent with the traditions of the office; and
- vi. to carry out all duties in a manner appropriate to the traditions and status of the office.