

West Suffolk Shadow Council

Article 5 – Chairing the Shadow Council

5.1 Role and function of the Chairman

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be appointed at the first meeting of the Shadow Council and will hold office until immediately after the election of a Chairman and Vice Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the West Suffolk Council in 2019

Neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman may be a member of the Shadow Executive.

The Chairman and in their absence the Vice-Chairman have the following roles.

5.2 Procedural role

The Chairman will:

- a) chair meetings of the Shadow Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of councillors and the interests of the community;
- b) uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution and interpret the rules of procedure at Shadow Council meetings;

5.3 Civic and ceremonial role

The Chairman of the Shadow Council will not undertake a civic and ceremonial role. This role will be discharged by the Chairman of Forest Heath District Council and the Mayor of St Edmundsbury Borough Council across the West Suffolk area.