

## **2. Role of Members of the Council**

### **2.1 Key Role**

All 47 of the Members of the Council will:

- collectively be the ultimate policy-makers and carry out a number of strategic and corporate management functions;
- represent their communities and bring their views into the Council's decision-making process, being the advocate of and for their communities;
- deal with individual casework and act as an advocate for constituents in resolving particular concerns or grievances;
- balance the different interests identified within the ward or electoral division and represent the ward or electoral division as a whole;
- be involved in decision-making;
- be available to represent the Council on other bodies; and
- maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics.

The Council's 'role definition' for all councillors is set out in Section 8(a).

### **2.2 Rights and Duties**

Councillors will have such rights of access to such documents, information, land and buildings and resources of the Council as are necessary for the proper discharge of their functions as is permissible by the law and in accordance with the Constitution.

### **2.3 Specific Roles**

Councillors also have different roles as Members of the different committees. These are referred to in the following sections of the Constitution. The Leader, Chair of the Council and Chair of Committees also have additional duties and responsibilities.

### **2.4 Conduct**

Councillors are required at all times to observe the Members' Code of Conduct, the Protocol on Officer and Member Protocol and Guidance for Planning set out in Sections 8(e) and 10 (a) and (b).

### **2.5 Allowances**

Councillors are entitled to receive allowances in accordance with the Members' Allowances Scheme set out in Section 8(f).