The Chairman is [Councillor Mac McGuire](https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Councillors/tabid/63/ctl/ViewCMIS_Person/mid/383/id/292/ScreenMode/Alphabetical/Default.aspx) and Vice-Chairwoman is [Councillor Lis Every](https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/ccc_live/Councillors/tabid/63/ctl/ViewCMIS_Person/mid/383/id/335/ScreenMode/Alphabetical/Default.aspx).

**Role and function of the Chairman**

The Chairman of the Council is elected by the Council at the Council Annual Meeting. The Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairwoman undertakes the following roles and functions.

- Uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution.
- 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.
- Ensure that the Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which members are able to hold each other to account.
- Promote public involvement in the Council’s activities.
- Be the conscience of the Council.

They also attend civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and the Chairman determine appropriate, for example to:

- Preside over citizenship ceremonies.
- Present awards.
- Officially open new buildings and projects.
- Attend twinning events.
- Attend funerals of councillors and officers who die in service and civic dignitaries past and present.
In the case of doubt as to what does and does not constitute a civic or ceremonial function, the final decision shall rest with the monitoring officer following discussion with the Chairman/Vice-Chairwoman.