

## **Functions and Responsibilities of the Councillor/Local Government Representative**

A Councillor or Local Government Representative in the Reformed Local Government system is expected to carry out the following roles and responsibilities:

- Participate actively in the formulation and scrutiny of the corporations' policies, budgets, projects, programmes, strategies and development plans;
- Represent effectively the interests of the electoral district/municipality for which the Councillor was elected and deals with constituents' enquiries and representations.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with community boards, organizations, non-governmental organizations, public and private sector organizations;
- Participate constructively in the good governance of the municipality, as the overriding responsibility of a Councillor is to the whole local community;
- Champion the causes, which best relate to the interests and sustainability of the community and campaign for the improvement of the quality of life of the community in terms of equity, economy and the environment;
- Maintain high standards of behaviour and conduct in order not to bring the corporation into disrepute; and
- Help promote the municipality/corporation, by maintaining an active involvement and high profile with the community in all relevant issues.
- Accountable to the community for the delivery of services and all matters within the purview of the Corporation