

Council report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Director of Resources

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Selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor: 2021-22

Executive Summary

The Council is asked to consider nominations for the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2021-22.

The constitutional changes adopted by the Council in April 2014 as part of the review of the Civic Function in respect of the Mayoralty provide that the Council normally elects the Deputy Mayor appointed at the annual meeting of the Council as Mayor at the next succeeding annual meeting.

Councillors will recall that the Council in February this year had agreed to nominate Cllr Dennis Booth as Deputy Mayor for 2020-21. However, due to the coronavirus outbreak, the Government passed Regulations that permitted councils to continue with appointments that would otherwise have to be made at an annual meeting until the next annual meeting in 2021. Following consultations with Cllrs Billington, Moseley, and Booth and political group leaders, the Council agreed on 19 May that Cllrs Billington and Moseley would continue in their respective roles as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Guildford for the municipal year 2020-21.

Councillor Andrew Gomm has formally nominated the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marsha Moseley for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2021-22.

Group leaders were asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2021-22 by no later than 20 November 2020. The following nomination has been received:

- Councillor Dennis Booth

The Council is therefore requested to consider formally the nominations received.

This report was also be considered by the Executive on 24 November 2020. The Executive endorsed the recommendations below.

Recommendation to Council:

- (1) That the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marsha Moseley be nominated for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2021-22.
- (2) That Councillor Dennis Booth be nominated for the Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2021-22 municipal year.

Reason for Recommendation:

To make early preparations for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2021-22.

Is the report (or part of it) exempt from publication? No

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To ask the Council to consider nominations received for election of Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2021-22.

2 Strategic Priorities

- 2.1 Ensuring that the process for selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor is undertaken publicly is consistent with the Council's desire to be open and accountable to its residents.

3. Background**Selection of Mayor: 2021-22**

- 3.1 The constitutional changes adopted by the Council as part of the review of the Civic Function in April 2014 in respect of the Mayoralty provide that the Council normally elects the Deputy Mayor appointed at the annual meeting of the Council as Mayor at the next succeeding annual meeting.
- 3.2 Councillors will recall that the Council in February this year had agreed to nominate Councillor Dennis Booth as Deputy Mayor for 2020-21. However, due to the coronavirus outbreak, the Government passed Regulations that permitted councils to continue with appointments that would otherwise have to be made at an annual meeting until the next annual meeting in 2021. Following consultations with Councillors Billington, Moseley, and Booth and political group leaders, the Council agreed on 19 May that Councillors Billington and Moseley would continue in their respective roles as Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Guildford for the municipal year 2020-21.
- 3.3 Councillor Andrew Gomm has formally nominated the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marsha Moseley for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2021-22. The Council is therefore requested to consider formally this nomination.

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2021-22

- 3.4 Group leaders were asked to submit nominations in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2021-22. At the time the agenda for this meeting was published, the only nomination received was:

- Councillor Dennis Booth

The Council is also requested to consider formally this nomination.

- 3.5 The Council is being asked to consider this matter now to enable early preparations to be made for the formal election of the Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2021-22 at the Council's annual meeting on 12 May 2021. This gives the nominees time to make the necessary adjustments to their personal and professional lives in order to prepare for their forthcoming mayoral/deputy mayoral years and will provide plenty of time to enable appropriate training or refresher training to be given to the respective nominees.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The costs associated with the selection of a Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be met from within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Council is required annually to elect a Mayor and appoint a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Sections 3 and 5 respectively of the Local Government Act 1972. The Local Government Act 2000 also provides that the Council's chairman or vice-chairman (the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) cannot serve on the Executive at the same time.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

None