

Council report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Strategic Director: Transformation and Governance

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Selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor: 2023-24

Executive Summary

The Council is asked to consider nominations for the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2023-24. The constitutional changes adopted by the Council in April 2014 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. The Council will therefore be requested to consider formally the nomination of the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2023-24, subject to Councillor Miah's re-election to the Council on 4 May 2023.

Group leaders were asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2023-24 by no later than 18 November 2022. None had been received. Any late nominations that are received will be reported on the Order Paper. At its meeting held on 24 November 2022, the Executive considered this report and endorsed the recommendation below.

Recommendation to Council:

That, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2023, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah be nominated for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2023-24 municipal year.

If there are any suitable nominations received by the time of the Council meeting, the Council will be invited to consider and approve the nomination of a councillor for the Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2023-24 municipal year, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2023.

Reason for Recommendation:

To make early preparations, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2023, for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2023-24.

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 2023-24.

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: 2023-24

- 3.1 The constitutional changes adopted by the Council in 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. The Council is therefore requested to consider formally the nomination of The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2023-24.

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2023-24

- 3.2 Group leaders were asked to submit nominations in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2023-24. At the time the agenda for this meeting was published, no nominations had been received. Any nominations that are received will be reported at the meeting.
- 3.3 The Council is asked to consider this matter at this meeting to enable early preparations to be made for the formal election of the Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2023-24 at the Council's annual meeting on 10 May 2023. This gives them 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.
- 3.4 Any such election as Mayor or appointment as Deputy Mayor will, of course, be subject to the nominees' re-election as councillors on 4 May 2023.
- 3.5 If no nominations for Deputy Mayor are received, the Council is asked to agree to defer consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Council to be held on 8 February 2023.

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