

Council report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Joint Strategic Director, Transformation and Governance

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Date: 8 February 2023

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2023-24

Executive Summary

At the Council meeting held on 6 December 2022, the Council considered a report on the selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023-24. In accordance with the constitutional changes adopted by the Council in 2014, the Council agreed to nominate the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah for election as Mayor of the Borough for 2023-24, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2023.

However, no nominations had been submitted in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023-24.

Group leaders have again been asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for consideration at this meeting.

Any nominations received will be reported at the meeting.

Recommendation to Council:

To nominate 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 for the selection of the Deputy Mayor for the 2023-24 Municipal Year.

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 appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2023-24.

2 Strategic Priorities

- 2.1 Ensuring that the process for selection of 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, at its meeting on 6 December 2022, agreed formally to nominate the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Masuk Miah for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2023-24 Municipal Year, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2023.

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2023-24

- 3.2 At the 6 December Council meeting, no nominations had been submitted in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2023-24 Municipal Year. Consideration of this matter has therefore been deferred to this meeting.
- 3.3 Group leaders were again asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for consideration at this meeting. Details of any nominations received will be reported at the meeting on the Order Paper.
- 3.4 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. Sections 3 (1A) and 5 (1A) of the 1972 Act also provide that members of the Executive cannot simultaneously serve as the Council's chairman or vice-chairman (the Mayor and Deputy Mayor).

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

None