

Council report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Director of Resources

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Selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor: 2018-19

Executive Summary

The Council is asked to consider nominations for the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2018-19.

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. The Council is therefore requested to consider formally the nomination of the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Parsons for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2018-19.

Group leaders were asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2018-19 by no later than 24 November 2017. The only nomination received was from the Conservative group, who have nominated Councillor Richard Billington.

Recommendation:

- (1) That the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Parsons be nominated for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2018-19.
- (2) That Councillor Richard Billington be nominated for the Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2018-19 municipal year.

Reason for Recommendation:

To make early preparations for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2018-19.

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report asks the Council to consider nominations received for election of Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2018-19.

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: 2018-19

- 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. The Council is requested to consider formally the nomination of The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Parsons for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2018-19.

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2018-19

- 3.2 Group leaders were asked to submit nominations in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2018-19. The only nomination received was from the Conservative group, who have nominated Councillor Richard Billington.
- 3.3 The Council is asked to consider this matter to enable early preparations to be made for the formal election of the Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2018-19 at the Council's annual meeting on 9 May 2018. 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.

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.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

None