

# Guildford Borough Council

Council Report

Date: 23 January 2024

Ward(s) affected: n/a

Report of Strategic Director: Transformation & Governance

Author: John Armstrong, Democratic Services & Elections Manager

Tel: 01483 444102

Email: john.armstrong@guildford.gov.uk

Report Status: Open

## Selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor: 2024-25

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council is asked to consider nominations for the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2024-25.
- 1.2 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 Sallie Barker MBE for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2024-25.
- 1.3 Group leaders were asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2024-25 by no later than 22 December 2023. The only nomination received was:  
  
Councillor Howard Smith.
- 1.4 If there are any further nominations, these will be reported at the meeting.

## **2. Recommendation to Council**

- 2.1 That the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sallie Barker MBE be nominated for election as the Mayor of the Borough for the 2024-25 municipal year.
- 2.2 That Councillor Howard Smith be nominated for appointment as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the 2024-25 municipal year.

## **3. Reason for Recommendation**

- 3.1 To make early preparations for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024-25.

## **4. Exemption from publication**

- 4.1. None

## **5. Purpose of Report**

- 5.1 To ask the Council to consider nominations for election of Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2024-25.

## **6. Strategic Priorities**

- 6.1 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.

## **7. Background**

### Selection of Mayor: 2024-25

- 7.1 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 Sallie Barker MBE for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2024-25.

## Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2024-25

- 7.2 Group leaders were asked to submit nominations in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2024-25. One nomination was received:

Councillor Howard Smith

Any other nominations received will be reported at the meeting.

- 7.3 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 2024-25 at the Council's annual meeting on 8 May 2024. 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.

## **8. Financial Implications**

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

## **9. Legal Implications**

- 9.1 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.

## **10. Human Resources Implications**

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

## **11. Background Papers**

None

## **12. Appendices**

None