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TITLE OF REPORT

THE MAYORALTY 2013/14

1. PURPOSE

To consider recommendations relating to the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2013/14.

2. NOMINATION TO THE MAYORALTY

2.1 Annual Council formally appoints Members of the Council to the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming Municipal year. The Member appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor is normally appointed to the office of Mayor in the following year.

2.2 At the meeting of the Council Forum held on 29th January 2009 (Minute No.77 refers), it was agreed that the rotation of the nomination to the Office of Mayor between the political groups based on proportionality of the Council would continue, and the rotation for the next five years was agreed as follows:

2010/11 Partnership
2011/12 Partnership
2012/13 Labour
2013/14 Labour
2014/15 Partnership (now due to be a Conservative nomination)

(For 2015/16 and 2016/17 it will be Labour's turn to nominate the Mayor)

2.3 The proportionality of the Council changed in September 2010 following the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, when the Labour/Independent Alignment gained control of the Council, and it is also noted that the Conservative/Liberal Democrat/For Darwen Partnership (known as the Alliance) has formally dissolved, and it is therefore suggested that the Leaders' of Political Groups meet during the new Municipal Year to draw up a new agreement for 2015/16 onwards (as 2014/15 arrangements are already in place) commencing with Labour Mayors in 2015/16 and 2016/17 as referred to above.

2.4 As referred to at 2.2, for 2013/14, it is the turn of Labour to nominate the Mayor, who in line with usual practice would usually be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Salim Mulla. It is the Conservative Group's turn to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2013/14.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That in line with the usual practice of the Deputy Mayor in current year serving as Mayor the following year, Councillor Salim Mulla be nominated to serve as Mayor in 2013/14;

3.2 That the Conservative Group be invited to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2013/14; and

3.3 That the Leaders' of Political Groups meet during the 2013/14 Municipal Year to draw up a new agreement for 2015/16 onwards, commencing with Labour Mayors for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

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