REPORT TO: COUNCIL FORUM	
FROM:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
DATE:	23 rd April 2015

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

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TITLE OF REPORT

THE MAYORALTY 2015/16

1. PURPOSE

To consider recommendations relating to the office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2015/16.

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. 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.

2.2 The rotation agreement referred to above ended in 2014/15, and Members are reminded that Labour Mayors will be office in 2015/16 and 2016/17 as agreed at the Council Forum meeting on 25th April 2013, (Minute No.94 refers). A report on the appointment of the Mayor is submitted to Council Forum annually, and in the event that the proportionality of the Council changes going forward in a way that would affect the nomination of Mayor for a particular year, a report on this matter would be submitted for Council's consideration.

2.3 As referred to at 2.2, for 2015/16, it is the turn of the Labour Group to nominate the Mayor, who in line with usual practice would usually be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Faryad Hussain. It is also the Labour Group's turn to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2015/16.

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 Faryad Hussain be nominated to serve as Mayor in 2015/16; and

3.2 That the Labour Group be invited to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2015/16.

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