



REPORT TO: ANNUAL COUNCIL

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE: 20th May 2021

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

WARDS AFFECTED: All

TITLE OF REPORT

THE MAYORALTY 2021/22

1. PURPOSE

To consider arrangements for the nominations to office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Annual Council:

1. Confirms the appointment of Councillor Derek Hardman as Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22; and
2. Confirms that in accordance with the rotation arrangements agreed at Annual Council in May 2018 that it is the Labour Group's turn to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2021/22 and notes the appointment of Councillor Suleman Khonat as Deputy Mayor for 2021/2022 earlier in the meeting.
3. Notes that a report on the future rotation agreement for the Mayoralty from 2023/2024 onwards will be submitted during the new Municipal Year.

3. BACKGROUND

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 previous meetings of the Council it has been agreed that the rotation of the nomination to the Office of Mayor between the political groups be based on proportionality of the Council, and an agreed rotation would be set for the next five years.

Annual Council in May 2018 determined the rotation arrangements for 2018/19 onwards. The rotation for the next 5 years was determined as follows:

2018/19 Labour
2019/20 Labour
2020/21 Labour
2021/22 Conservative

2022/23 Labour

A report on the appointment of the Mayor is submitted to the Annual Council each year, 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.

In accordance with the above, it would be for the Conservative Group to nominate the Mayor for 2021/2022, who in line with usual practice would be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Derek Hardman.

As referred to above, it is also the turn of the Labour Group to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2021/22.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Office of Mayor is funded from the Council's annual budget..

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Office of Mayor is provided for in the Council's Constitution.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None

8. CONSULTATIONS

None

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Background Papers: None