



REPORT TO: COUNCIL FORUM

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE: 22 JULY 2021

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

WARDS AFFECTED: All

TITLE OF REPORT

THE MAYORALTY – from 2022/23

1. PURPOSE

To consider arrangements for the Mayoralty in the next 5 years to facilitate nominations to office of Deputy Mayor by the Annual Council in May 2022.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council:

Agrees the rotation arrangements for the nomination of future Mayors and Deputy Mayors as set out in this report

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 Forum 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.

The existing rotation agreement commenced in May 2018 and ends in 2022/23 is as follows.

2018/19 Labour
2019/20 Labour
2020/21 Labour
2021/22 Conservative
2022/23 Labour

The Annual Council in May 2022 will be asked to confirm the Labour nomination for Mayor and will also need to seek nomination for the Deputy Mayor, who in line with tradition will normally be appointed to the office of Mayor in the following year. Accordingly, the Council is asked to agree its next 5 year rotation, to facilitate next years nominations

The proportionality of the Council following the local elections is as follows:

Labour	34 Seats	(67%)
Conservative	14 Seats	(27%)
Liberal Democrat	1 Seat	(2%)
Independent	2 Seats	(4%)

It is suggested based on the above proportionality the rotation of Mayoral nomination for the next five years would be as follows:

2023/24	Labour
2024/25	Labour
2025/26	Conservative
2026/27	Labour
2027/28	Labour

It is suggested that the Leader present a report on the appointment of the Mayor as in previous years 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 and as previously agreed at Council Forum in May 2021, it would be for the Labour Group to nominate the Mayor for 2022/23, who in line with usual practice would be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Suleman Khonat.

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