



REPORT TO: ANNUAL COUNCIL

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE: 19th May 2022

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

WARDS AFFECTED: All

TITLE OF REPORT

THE MAYORALTY 2022/23

1. PURPOSE

To consider arrangements for the nominations to office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022/23.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Annual Council:

1. Confirms the appointment of Councillor Suleman Khonat as Mayor of the Borough for 2022/23; and
2. Confirms that in accordance with the rotation arrangements agreed at Council Forum on 22nd July 2022 that the Labour Group nominates the Deputy Mayor for 2022/23, and notes the appointment of Councillor Parwaiz Akhtar as Deputy Mayor for 2022/2023.

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.

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

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

The Annual Council meeting on 19th May 2022 is asked to confirm the Labour nomination for Mayor and also needs to agree the nomination for the Deputy Mayor, who in line with tradition would normally be appointed to the office of Mayor in the following year.

As Members will recall, at the Council Forum Meeting on 22nd July 2022, the Council agreed the next 5 year rotation, which helps to facilitate this year's nominations.

It was agreed that based on the current proportionality that 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

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 Labour Group to nominate the Mayor for 2022/2023, who in line with usual practice would be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Suleman Khonat.

As referred to above, it is also the turn of the Labour Group to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2022/23.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Mayor is also the Chair of Council meetings. This is a legal provision of the Local Government Act 1972, enabling Council business to be carried out in an orderly and proper manner, having regard to statutory obligations and the Constitution of the Council for the conduct of meetings. In the Mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor would undertake the role to chair council meetings.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None

8. CONSULTATIONS

None

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Background Papers: None