



**REPORT TO: COUNCIL FORUM**

**FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**DATE: 14th March 2024**

**PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All**

**WARDS AFFECTED: All**

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**TITLE OF REPORT**

**THE MAYORALTY 2024/25**

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## **1. PURPOSE**

To consider arrangements for the nominations to office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council Forum:

1. Notes that Councillor Sylvia Liddle will be formally nominated as Mayor for 2024/25 at Annual Council.
2. Confirms that in accordance with the rotation arrangements agreed at Council Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 that the Conservative Group nominates the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25, who will be formally nominated at Annual Council.

## **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.

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

It was agreed then that, based on the proportionality that the rotation of Mayoral nomination for the five year period 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 2024/2025, who in line with usual practice would be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Sylvia Liddle.

As referred to above, it is the turn of the Conservative Group to nominate the Deputy Mayor for 2024/25.

#### **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