



REPORT TO: ANNUAL COUNCIL

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DATE: 17th May 2018

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: All

WARDS AFFECTED: All

TITLE OF REPORT

THE MAYORALTY

1. PURPOSE

To consider arrangements for the nominations to office of Mayor and Deputy Mayor following the Elections in May 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Annual Council:

1. Confirms the agreement of council Forum in December 2017 for Councillor Pat McFall to be Mayor of the Borough for 2018/19
2. Agrees the revised 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 ends in 2018/19 and the Council Forum at their meeting December 2017 agreed that current Deputy Mayor become Mayor (subject to her re-election) in 2018/19 and requested the Annual Council in May 2018 to determine the rotation arrangements for 2019/20 onwards.

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

Labour	37 Seats	(72.5%)
Conservative	13 Seats	(25.5%)
Liberal Democrat	1 Seat	(2%)

It is therefore suggested that the rotation for the next 5 years be determined as follows:

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

It is suggested that the Leader present a report on the appointment of the Mayor as in previous years to the Annual Council, 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 December 2017, it would be for the Labour Group to nominate the Mayor for 2018, who in line with usual practice would be the serving Deputy Mayor, which in this case is Councillor Pat McFall.

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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