

ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Extraordinary Council - 1 March 2018

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Status ***For Decision***

Classification: ***Unrestricted***

Ward: ***All***

Executive Summary:

Following the resignation of the Leader Cllr Wells, with effect from the 28 February 2018, Councillors are invited to submit their nominations for the election to the position of Leader of the Council.

Recommendations:

1. That the election of Leader of the Council be agreed.
2. The newly elected Leader of the Council informs Council of their choice of Deputy Leader of the Council
3. That the newly elected Leader confirms:
 - (a) That the current Cabinet Portfolios and operational accountabilities will remain in place until the new Leader advises of any required changes.
 - (b) That the existing scheme of executive delegations will remain in place until the new Leader advises of any required changes.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications.
Legal	The Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) requires the Council to elect a Leader. Should no Leader be elected at this meeting, the matter will be considered again at the next Council meeting. The Leader of the Council has responsibility for the appointment of members to the Cabinet, the allocation of portfolios and the delegation of executive functions. The scheme of delegation is made pursuant to the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
Corporate	There are no corporate implications
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation,

gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	✓
Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	✓
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓
The election of Leader should follow the requirements of the public sector equality duty.	

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 Following the resignation of Cllr Wells as Leader, the Council is required to consider the appointment of a Leader of the Council. Their term of office will continue until the next Council elections.
- 1.2 The Leader determines the portfolios, portfolio holders and the scheme of executive delegations. In order to provide continuity of service it is proposed that the existing scheme of executive delegations should remain in place until the new Leader has agreed upon any changes required.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Tim Willis Director of Corporate Resources
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