

Election of Chair

Annual Council	13 May 2021
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Portfolio Holder	Deputy (Acting) Leader of Council
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

The political groups have been invited to submit their nominations for the election of Chair. Council is asked to decide upon the appointment.

Recommendation(s):

That the election of the Chair of the Council be agreed.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Legal

The election of Chair must take place at the annual meeting of the Council in accordance with sections 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Corporate

None

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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -
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- *To eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.*
- *To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it*
- *To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.*

There are no equity and equality issues arising directly from this report but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- *Growth*
- *Environment*
- *Communities*

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The constitution of the Council states that:

“The annual meeting will consider the following:-

(ii) elect the Chair of Council;”

1.2 Nominations for Chair of the Council have been invited from the Leaders of the Political Groups and will be announced at the meeting.

2.0 Decision Making Process

2.1 Council is the decision making body.

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Annex List

None

Background Papers

None

Corporate Consultation

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