

Election of Vice-Chair

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Portfolio Holder	Leader of Council
Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

Cllr Fellows has informed Democratic Services that he has resigned the role of Vice Chair of the Council effective from Friday 9 July. Therefore a new Vice-Chair must be elected, political groups are invited to submit their nominations for the election of Vice-Chair. Council is asked to decide upon the appointment.

Recommendation(s):

That the election of the Vice-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 Vice-Chair must take place at the annual meeting of the Council in accordance with sections 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act 1972. Casual Vacancies in Chair or Vice Chair positions are filled A casual vacancy in the Office of Chair or Vice-Chair of a Committee shall be filled as soon as practicable and by the relevant Committee.

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: -

- 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 Democratic Services were informed by Cllr Fellows that he had resigned as the Vice-Chairman of the Council on Friday 9 July. This has caused a casual vacancy in the role of Vice-Chairman of the Council.

1.2 The constitution of the Council states that:

“A casual vacancy in the Office of Chair or Vice-Chair of a Committee, Sub-Committee, Advisory Group or Working Party shall be filled as soon as practicable and by the relevant Committee”

1.3 Nominations for Vice-Chair of the Council are 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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