

ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Annual Council	18 May 2023
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Status	For Decision
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No

Executive Summary:

The political groups have been invited to submit their nominations to the election of Leader.

Recommendation:

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

Corporate Implications

There are no direct financial implications.

Risk Management

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

Legal

The election of Leader must take place at the annual meeting of the Council in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Equalities Act 2010 and 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.

There are no specific equity and equality considerations that need to be addressed in this report, any Member may be nominated as Leader of the Council.

1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 The constitution of the Council states that:

“The annual meeting will, in the year of an ordinary election of Councillors, elect the Leader of the Council for a term of office ending on the date of the Annual Meeting of Council in the year of the next ordinary election of Councillors”.

1.2 The political groups have been asked to submit nominations to the election of Leader. These 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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