

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Meeting:	9 May 2024
By:	Committee Services Manager
Cabinet Portfolio Member:	Councillor Everitt, Leader of the Council
Key Decision:	No
Decision classification:	Unrestricted
Call in status:	No
Ward:	All

Purpose of the Report

This report is to allow Thanet District Council to elect a Vice-Chair for the ensuing Municipal year.

Recommendation(s):

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

1. Summary of Reasons

1.1 The constitution of the Council states that:

“The annual meeting will consider the following:-

(iii) elect the Vice-Chair of Council;”

2. Background

2.1 The constitution of the Council states that: “The annual meeting will consider the following:- (iii) elect the Vice Chair of Council;”

3. Relevant Issues

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

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The Council could choose to appoint a Vice Chair for the meeting, however this is not recommended as the election would need to be repeated at every subsequent Council meeting until a permanent Chair is elected.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Statutory Consultation is not required for this matter.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Finance and Resources

- 6.1.1 There are no direct financial or resourcing implications arising from this report.

6.2 Legal and Constitutional

Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that a principal council shall appoint a member of the council to be vice-chair of the council. The Act provides that a member of the executive may not be appointed as vice chair and that the vice chair shall, unless he or she resigns or becomes disqualified, hold office until immediately after the election of a Chair at the next annual meeting of the council.

6.3 Council Policies and Priorities

- 6.3.1 To work efficiently for you

6.4 Risk

- 6.4.1 If Council does not elect a Vice Chair of Council, then it would be at risk of acting unlawfully.

6.5 Climate Change and Biodiversity

- 6.5.1 There are no climate change or biodiversity implications to this report.

7. Equality, Equity and Diversity Implications

- 7.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report, as one of the 56 Councillors will be elected as Vice Chair in a democratic vote.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications and Community impact

- 8.1 There are no crime and disorder implications to this report.

Subject History

The Council elects a Chair at its Annual meeting every year.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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