

Council report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Strategy Director

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Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2020-21

Executive Summary

At the Council meeting held on 3 December 2019, the Council considered a report on the selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020-21. In accordance with the constitutional changes adopted by the Council in April 2014 as part of the review of the Civic Function in respect of the Mayoralty, the Council agreed to nominate the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marsha Moseley for election as Mayor of the Borough for 2020-21.

However, no nominations had been submitted in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020-21.

In order to assist any councillors in deciding whether to agree to put their names forward for nomination as Deputy Mayor, officers arranged an informal meeting on 16 December 2019 with the current Mayor and past Mayors to enable potential candidates to ask questions and seek advice on various aspects of the Mayoralty.

Group leaders have again been asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2020-21 for consideration at this meeting.

Nominations received:

Councillor Dennis Booth

Any other nominations that are received will be reported at the meeting.

Recommendation to Council:

To nominate a councillor for the Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2020-21 Municipal Year.

Reason for Recommendation:

To make early preparations for the selection of the Deputy Mayor for the 2020-21 Municipal Year.

Is the report (or part of it) exempt from publication? No

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To ask the Council to consider nominations received for appointment of Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2020-21.

2 Strategic Priorities

- 2.1 Ensuring that the process for selection of Deputy Mayor is undertaken publicly is consistent with the Council's desire to be open and accountable to its residents.

3. Background

Selection of Mayor: 2020-21

- 3.1 The constitutional changes adopted by the Council as part of the review of the Civic Function in April 2014 in respect of the Mayoralty provide that the Council normally elects the Deputy Mayor appointed at the annual meeting of the Council as Mayor at the next succeeding annual meeting. The Council, at its meeting on 3 December 2019, agreed formally to nominate the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marsha Moseley for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2020-21 Municipal Year.

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2020-21

- 3.2 At the 3 December Council meeting, no nominations had been submitted in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the 2020-21 Municipal Year. Consideration of this matter had therefore been deferred to this meeting.
- 3.3 In order to assist any councillors in deciding whether to agree to put their names forward for nomination as Deputy Mayor, officers arranged an informal meeting on 16 December 2019 with the current Mayor and past Mayors to enable potential candidates to ask questions and seek advice on various aspects of the Mayoralty.
- 3.4 Group leaders were again asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2020-21 for consideration at this meeting. At the time the agenda for this Council meeting was published, the only nomination received was as follows:

Councillor Dennis Booth

- 3.5 Any further nominations that are received will be reported at the meeting.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The costs associated with the selection of a Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be met from within existing budgets.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Council is required annually to elect a Mayor and appoint a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Sections 3 and 5 respectively of the Local Government Act 1972. The Local Government Act 2000 also provides that the Council's chairman or vice-chairman (the Mayor and Deputy Mayor) cannot serve on the Executive at the same time.

6. Human Resources Implications

6.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

None