

Council report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Director of Finance

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Selection of Mayor and Deputy Mayor: 2019-20

Executive Summary

The Council is asked to consider nominations for the Mayoralty and Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2019-20.

The constitutional changes adopted by the Council in April 2014 as part of the review of the Civic Function 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 is therefore requested to consider formally the nomination of the current Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Billington for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2019-20, subject to Councillor Billington's re-election to the Council on 2 May 2019.

Group leaders were asked to submit nominations for the Deputy Mayoralty for 2019-20 by no later than 23 November 2018. No nominations were received. Any nominations that are received will be reported at the meeting.

Recommendation to Council:

That, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2019, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Billington be nominated for the Mayoralty of the Borough for the municipal year 2019-20.

If there are any suitable nominations received by the time of the Council meeting, the Council will be asked to nominate a councillor for the Deputy Mayoralty of the Borough for the 2019-20 municipal year.

Reason for Recommendation:

To make early preparations, subject to the outcome of the Borough Council elections in May 2019, for the selection of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2019-20.

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report asks the Council to consider nominations received for election of Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2019-20.

2 Strategic Priorities

- 2.1 Ensuring that the process for selection of Mayor and 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: 2019-20

- 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 is requested to consider formally the nomination of The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Billington for the Mayoralty of the Borough for 2019-20.

Selection of Deputy Mayor: 2019-20

- 3.2 Group leaders were asked to submit nominations in respect of the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2019-20. At the time the agenda for the Council meeting was published, no nominations had been received. Any nominations that are received will be reported at the meeting. If there are no nominations to consider at the Council meeting, the matter will be referred to the next meeting of the Council on 26 February 2019.
- 3.3 The Council is asked to consider this matter to enable early preparations to be made for the formal election of the Mayor and appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2019-20 at the Council's annual meeting on 8 May 2019. This gives them time to make the necessary adjustments to their personal and professional lives in order to prepare for their forthcoming mayoral/deputy mayoral years and will provide plenty of time to enable appropriate training or refresher training to be given to the respective nominees.
- 3.4 Any such election as Mayor or appointment as Deputy Mayor will, of course, be subject to the nominees' re-election as councillors on 2 May 2019.

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.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

None