

Council

Date of Meeting: 22 May 2019

Report Title: Election of Leader of the Council

Senior Officer: Interim Director of Governance and Compliance

1. Report Summary

1.1 Council is required to elect a Leader of the Council.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That Council elects a Leader of the Council for a four year term of office
- 2.2. That once elected, Council notes the report of the Leader regarding his / her Cabinet and their portfolios and
- 2.3. That Council delegates authority to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution

3. Reasons for Recommendation/s

- 3.1. The current Leader of the Council has indicated that she will cease to be Leader of the Council immediately prior to the Council meeting on 22 May 2019.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1. None.

5. Background

- 5.1 At the meeting held on 25 February 2016, the Council resolved to elect Councillor Rachel Bailey as its Leader.
- 5.2 The Leader has given notice that she is resigning as Leader of the Council with effect immediately prior to the Council meeting on 22 May 2019.

5.3 The Constitution says that the Leader will hold office for a period of four years from the date he/she is elected to that office by the Council or until

- he/she resigns from the office of Leader
- he/she becomes ineligible to be a Member of the Council, either for a specific period, or indefinitely
- he/she ceases to be a Councillor
- he/she is removed from office by a vote of no confidence resolution of the Council requiring a simple majority, in respect of which the motion has been fully set out in the agenda for the meeting

5.4 In accordance with the cabinet procedure rules, the Leader once elected will also be invited to present to Council information about executive functions in the forthcoming year, including details of those members appointed to Cabinet. This will be distributed at the meeting.

6. Implications of the Recommendations

6.1. Legal Implications

6.1.1 In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the Council has the Leader and Cabinet model of executive arrangements.

6.2. Finance Implications

6.2.1. There are no direct financial implications.

6.3. Policy Implications

6.3.1. There are no direct financial implications.

6.4. Equality Implications

6.5. There are no direct implications for equality.

6.6. Human Resources Implications

6.6.1. There are no direct financial implications.

6.7. Risk Management Implications

6.7.1. Failure to comply with legislation would leave the Council open to legal challenge.

6.8. Rural Communities Implications

6.8.1. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

6.9. Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

6.9.1. There are no direct implications for children and young people.

6.10. Public Health Implications

6.10.1. There are no direct implications for public health.

7. Ward Members Affected

7.1. All

8. Access to Information

8.1. There are no background documents for this report.

9. Contact Information

9.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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