

Council

Date of Meeting: 4 May 2021

Report Title: Appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council

Senior Officer: Director of Governance and Compliance

1. Report Summary

- 1.1 Council is required to appoint a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2021/22.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That Council appoints a Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2021/22.

3. Background

- 5.1 In order to facilitate our forthcoming committee system arrangements, the Annual General Meeting of the Council is required to appoint a Councillor to be the Deputy Leader of the Council for that municipal year
- 5.2 The Councillor appointed will hold this office until:
- (a) The next Annual Meeting of the Council; or
 - (b) The Deputy Leader resigns from the office; or
 - (c) The Deputy Leader is no longer a Councillor; or
 - (d) The Deputy Leader is removed from the office by 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.
- 5.3 The Deputy Leader may be appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Corporate Policy Committee of the Council.
- 5.4 The Deputy Leader is empowered to act in place of the Leader.

- 5.5 The Deputy Leader is empowered to represent the Council on any external body, as agreed with the Leader, and to make decisions and vote on behalf of the Council at meetings of such bodies.
- 5.6 Involvement in Major Emergencies: the Leader and Deputy Leader must be informed if an emergency is likely or has been declared under the Council's emergency planning or business continuity procedures.

4. Implications of the Recommendations

4.1. Legal Implications

- 6.1.1 When the Council operates a Committee system, the Deputy Leader has no formal legal powers and duties vested in him or her under the Local Government Act 1972 or the Local Government Act 2000.

4.2. Finance Implications

- 4.2.1. There are no direct financial implications. However, Council will separately consider a report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Member allowances.

4.3. Policy Implications

- 4.3.1. There are no direct financial implications.

4.4. Equality Implications

- 6.4.1 There are no direct implications for equality.

4.5. Human Resources Implications

- 4.5.1. There are no direct financial implications.

4.6. Risk Management Implications

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

4.7. Rural Communities Implications

- 4.7.1. There are no direct implications for rural communities.

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

- 4.8.1. There are no direct implications for children and young people.

4.9. Public Health Implications

4.9.1. There are no direct implications for public health.

4.10. Climate Change Implications

4.10.1. There are no implications relating to climate change.

5. Ward Members Affected

5.1. All

6. Access to Information

6.1. There are no background documents for this report.

7. Contact Information

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

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