

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Council

Date of Meeting:	25 February 2016
Report of:	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
Subject/Title:	Election of Leader of the Council

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Council is required to elect a Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That Council elects a Leader of the Council for a four year term of office.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The current Leader of the Council has given notice that he will cease to be Leader of the Council immediately prior to the Council Meeting on 25 February 2016.

4.0 Policy Implications

- 4.1 None.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None.

6.0 Legal Implications

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.

7.0 Risk Management

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

8.0 Background and Options

- 8.1 At its meeting held on 16 May 2012, the Council resolved to elect Councillor

Michael Jones as its Leader.

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 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.

8.2 The Leader has given written notice that he is resigning as Leader of the Council with effect immediately prior to the Council Meeting on 25 February 2016.

8.3 Council is invited to elect a Leader of the Council for the statutory four year term of office.

8.4 In accordance with the Cabinet Procedure Rules the Leader 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 dealt with as part of the Leader's Announcements at the meeting of Council.

9.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Background Documents: None