

Report to COUNCIL

Appointment of the Leader of the Council

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Reason for Decision

The appointment of the Leader of the Council is a Council function in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended.

Recommendations

1. That Council note the appointment of Councillor Sean Fielding as the Leader of the Council from the 23rd May 2018 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting of the Leader's normal day of retirement as Councillor as outlined at paragraph 1.2 of the report.

Appointment of Leader of the Council

1 Background

- 1.1 The Council on the 16th December 2009 agreed to adopt the Leader and Cabinet model of governance.
- 1.2 The Leader's term of office will end on the day when the Council holds the first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor unless:
- a) he or she resigns from the office or
 - b) he or she is no longer a Councillor or
 - c) he or she is removed from office by the resolution of the Council.
 - d) the appointment of a successor at a subsequent Annual Meeting of the Council
- 1.3 Under the arrangements, it shall be the responsibility of the Leader to determine the size and membership of the Cabinet (provided the membership comprises between two and nine Members, not including the Leader). The Leader shall also determine the remit of each portfolio. The Council does not have any decision-making role in this regard. The Leader will circulate a report for Council to note.
- 1.4 Under the arrangements, all Executive functions are vested in the Leader and it is his/her responsibility to determine how such functions shall be delegated. This responsibility can be a simple re-affirmation of the existing delegation of executive functions to the Cabinet, and Officers. The Council does not have any decision-making role in this regard. The Leader will circulate a report for Council to note.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 The Council appointed Councillor Sean Fielding as Leader of the Council from the 23rd May 2018 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting of the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 N/A

4 Appendices

N/A

4 Background Papers

- 4.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act :

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (published works available of the OPSI website)

Localism Act 2011 (published works available of the OPSI website)
Local Government Act 2000 (published works available of the OPSI website)