

## **ANNUAL 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. The Council receive nomination(s) for the office of the Leader of the Council.
2. The Council elect the Leader of the Council for a term of office starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as Councillor subject to the provisions as outlined in 2.1 of the report.

## **Appointment of the Leader of the Council**

### **1 Purpose of the Report**

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

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 The Leader of the Council (the “Leader”) will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council. The Council will decide on the term of office of the Leader which must expire no later than the day of which the Council holds its 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 when a successor will be appointed.

- 2.2 It is the responsibility of the Leader to determine the size and membership of the Cabinet (providing 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.

- 2.3 All executive functions are vested in the Leader and it is the Leader’s 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.

### **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Council receive nomination(s) for the office of the Leader of the Council.

The Council elect the Leader of the Council from the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader’s normal day of retirement as a Councillor subject to the provisions as outlined in 2.1 of the report.

### **4 Consultation**

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with relevant officers and Councillors.

### **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 n/a

### **6 Legal Services Comments**

- 6.1 There are no legal comments (Paul Entwistle).

### **7 Human Resources Comments**

7.1 There are no human resources issues.

## 8 **Risk Assessments**

8.1 A risk assessment is not required.

## 9 **IT Implications**

9.1 There are no IT implications.

## 10 **Property Implications**

10.1 There are no property implications.

## 11 **Procurement Implications**

11.1 There are no procurement implications.

## 12 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

12.1 There are no environmental or health and safety implications.

## 13 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

13.1 There are no community cohesion implications.

## 14 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

14.1 No

## 17 **Key Decision**

17.1 No

## 18 **Key Decision Reference**

18.1 n/a

## 19 **Background Papers**

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