

**Report to COUNCIL**

## **Leader of the Council**

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### **Reason for Decision**

The election 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 election of Councillor Arooj Shah as the Leader of the Council from 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 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.

Leader of the Council

**1 Background**

1.1 The Council have adopted the Leader and Cabinet model of governance.

1.2 Councillor Shah was elected as leader of the Council 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 a Councillor unless:

- a) she resigns from the office or
- b) she is no longer a Councillor or
- c) she is removed from office by the resolution 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 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, executive members 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 elected Councillor Arooj Shah as Leader of the Council from 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting of the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor, subject to paragraph 1.2 above.

**3 Options/Alternatives**

3.1 N/A

**4 Consultation**

4.1 N/A.

**5 Financial Implications**

5.1 n/a

**6 Legal Implications**

6.1 There are no legal implications.

**7 Human Resource Implications**

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- 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 **Community cohesion, including crime and disorder implications under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**
- 13.1 There are no community cohesion implications.
- 14 **Oldham Equality Impact Assessment, including implications for children and young people?**
- 14.1 None
- 17 **Key Decision**
- 17.1 No
- 18 **Key Decision Reference**
- 18.1 n/a
- 19 **Appendices**
- 19.1 None
- 20 **Background Papers**
- 20.1 None