

**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. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 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.

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### **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'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.

- 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 his 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.
- 3.2 The Council elect the Leader of the Council from the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018, 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 Background Papers**

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)