
Report to: Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 25th April 2013

Subject: Selection of the Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2013/14

Report of: Director of Corporate Services **Wards Affected:** All

Is this a Key Decision? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To consider the selection of a Mayor and Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2013/14.

Recommendation(s)

The Cabinet is invited to consider the nomination of a Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2013/14 and to select the Members to be nominated to that Office at the Annual Council Meeting on 9 May 2013.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to appoint a Mayor and Deputy. Part 1, s3 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires each principal Council to appoint a Mayor. Under Part 1, s5 (1) each principal Council is required to also appoint a Deputy.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The appointment has no cost implications. Allowances are not payable for the Deputy Chair position.

(B) Capital Costs

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal Sections 3-5 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) refer.	
Human Resources	None
Equality	
1. No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance (FD2237/13) has been consulted and has no comments to make on this report as there are no financial consequences to the appointments being made. The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD1553/13) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Are there any other options available for consideration? There are no further options for consideration.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Annual Council Meeting on 9th May 2013.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

1.1 At its meeting on 28th March 2013, Cabinet resolved:

“That

(1) the Director of Corporate Commissioning be authorised to formally write to the Leader of the Conservative Group, requesting a nomination for a Mayor and the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group requesting a nomination for a Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2013/14; and

(2) the matter be re-considered at the next Cabinet meeting to be held on 25 April 2013.”

1.2 The Leader of the Conservative Group has indicated that his Group have declined to nominate to the position of Mayor for 2013/14 and therefore the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group has been asked to consider a nomination. An update on the position will be provided at the meeting.

1.3 Members will recall that for the 2012/13 Municipal Year, a Deputy Chair (Councillor Maureen Fearn) was appointed by the Council to fulfil the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1972. A Deputy Chair will also need to be nominated for 2013/14.

1.4. The Cabinet needs to consider the nominations of a Mayor and Deputy Chair to serve in the 2013/14 Municipal Year, in order to offer advance notice to the Members likely to be elected and to enable the necessary personal arrangements to be put in hand. The formal election can only take place at the Annual Meeting.

1.5 An early nomination is not, of course, a guarantee of election in May as it is possible for alternative nominations to be made at any time up to and including the date of the Annual Meeting.

1.6 In practice, however, this would be outside the arrangements agreed by the Council with regards the Selection and Nomination Procedure.