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**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Subject:** Selection of the Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2014/15

**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

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### **Purpose/Summary**

To consider the selection of a Mayor and Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Cabinet is invited to consider the nomination of Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2014/15 and to select the Members to be nominated to that Office at the Annual Council Meeting on 29 May 2014.

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

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
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 allowances payable to the Mayor can be contained within existing budgets. 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:

<b>Legal</b> Sections 3-5 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) refer.	
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>Equality</b>	
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 (FD2900/14) has been consulted and her comments have been incorporated into the report.

The Head of Corporate Legal Services (LD2205/14) has 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 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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#### Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

### 1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1. The Cabinet needs to consider the nominations of a Mayor and Deputy Chair to serve in the 2014/15 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 In practice, however, this would be outside the arrangements agreed by the Council with regards the Selection and Nomination Procedure.
- 1.4 The only role of the Deputy Chair is to Chair any meeting of the Council when the Mayor is unable to attend.