REPORT TO:	CABINET
DATE:	4 FEBRUARY 2010
SUBJECT:	SELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2010/11
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DIRECTOR
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EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL:	No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To consider the selection of the Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2010/11 and to remind the Cabinet of the Selection Procedure previously agreed.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Under the present political management framework the nomination of the Deputy Mayor Elect is a matter for the Cabinet to decide, with a recommendation to the full Council.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Cabinet is asked to note that Councillor Maureen Fearn stands nominated as Mayor Elect; and is invited to consider the nomination of Deputy Mayor for 2010/11 and to select the Member to be nominated to that Office at the Annual Council Meeting on 20 May 2010.

KEY DECISION:	No
FORWARD PLAN:	No
IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	Annual Council Meeting on 20 May 2010

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

There are no alternative options.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: Not appropriate

Financial: None arising from this report

Legal: None arising from this report

Risk Assessment: Not appropriate

Asset Management: None arising from this report

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Chief Executive has been consulted.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

None

BACKGROUND:

1.1   At the Annual Council Meeting 2009, Councillor Maureen Fearn was elected to serve as Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2009/10. The Council has previously agreed that a Councillor elected to serve as Mayor would first have served as Deputy. Accordingly, Councillor M. Fearn stands formally nominated as Mayor in the 2010/11 Municipal Year. The election can only take place at the Annual meeting of the Council on 20 May 2010.

1.2.   The Cabinet needs to consider the nomination of a Member to serve as Deputy Mayor in the 2010/11 Municipal Year, in order to offer advance notice to the Member 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.

1.3   An early nomination is not, of course, a guarantee of election in May, or indeed the previous decision that Councillor M. Fearn serve as Mayor, as it is possible for alternative nominations to be made at any time up to and including the date of the Annual Meeting.

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

SELECTION CRITERIA

1.5   The Council at its meeting on 7 September 2006 endorsed the Cabinet's recommendation that the following selection criteria be applied when considering nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor:

- Annual rotation between the three main Political Groups on the Council;
- Selection to be on the basis of seniority of the Member in the Group (flexibility to be afforded within the Group making the nomination);
- A Member nominated as Deputy Mayor elect, should have served on the Council for a minimum of one full term (four years)
- The Member selected as Deputy Mayor elect should not be up for election immediately after serving as Deputy Mayor;
- A Member may serve as Mayor more than once;
- A Member must be prepared to agree to undertake the role of Mayor as defined in the approved role profile and should meet, or be willing to meet, the requirements in the approved person profile.