

Appointment of the Deputy Mayor 2021/22

For Full Council on 21 April 2021

Summary

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Wards Affected: All

Approval Timetable	Date
Full Council	21 April 2021

Recommendations

Recommendations as supported by the Portfolio Holder:

1. That Councillor Godfrey Bland be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year 2021/22.

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This report sets out a recommendation in respect of the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for 2021/22.
- 1.2 The Council is required each year to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the following municipal year.
- 1.3 The Deputy Mayor must be able to deputise for the Mayor and fulfil the following responsibilities as set out in the Constitution:

Extract from Article 5 of the Constitution –

- to uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution, and to interpret the Constitution when necessary;
 - to preside over meetings of Full Council so that its business can be carried out efficiently and with regard to the rights of councillors and the interests of the community;
 - to ensure that Full Council meeting is a forum for the debate of matters of concern to the local community and the place at which members who are not on the Cabinet are able to hold the Cabinet to account;
 - to promote public involvement in the Council's activities;
 - to be the conscience of the Council;
 - to attend or be represented at such civic and ceremonial functions as the Council and he determines appropriate;
 - to determine any matter referred to him under the urgency provisions of the Access to Information Procedure Rules or the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution; and
 - to be consulted on any matter to which consultation with the Mayor of the Council is required under this Constitution.
- 1.5 It is customary that the Deputy Mayor subsequently serve as Mayor in the following year.

2. Options Considered

- 2.1 Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1972 specifies:
 - The Council shall appoint a member of the Council as the Vice Chairman of the Council (in the case of a borough this is the Deputy Mayor).
 - Members of the executive of the council (i.e. Portfolio Holder) may not be appointed as the Deputy Mayor.

- The Deputy Mayor shall hold office immediately after the election of the Mayor at the next Annual Meeting.

3. Preferred Option and Reason

- 3.1 That Councillor Godfrey Bland be appointed Deputy Mayor.
- 3.2 The nomination has been reached following informal consultation within the Council.

4. Consultation on Options

- 4.1 As the nominee must be a member of the Council who serves at the discretion of the Council it is not usual for the process to include public or formal consultation.

5. Implementation

- 5.1 The decision will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- 5.2 Following this decision, the Deputy Mayor Elect will formally take up the position of Deputy Mayor during the Annual Meeting of the Council on 26 May 2021.

6. Appendices and Background Documents

Appendices:

- None

Exempt appendices (if any):

- None

Background Papers:

- None

7. Cross Cutting Issues

A. Legal (including the Human Rights Act)

The requirement to appoint a Deputy Mayor from amongst the membership of the Council is set out under Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1972, and within the Council's Constitution.

Patricia Narebor – Head of Legal Partnership, April 2021

B. Finance and Other Resources

There are no specific finance implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

C. Staffing

There are no specific staffing implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

D. Risk Management

There are no specific risk management implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

E. Environment and Sustainability

There are no specific environment and sustainability implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

F. Community Safety

There are no specific community safety implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

G. Equalities

The decisions recommended through this report have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There are no apparent equality impacts on end users.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

H. Data Protection

There are no specific data protection implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

I. Health and Safety

There are no specific health and safety implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021

J. Health and Wellbeing

There are no specific health and wellbeing implications from the recommendations set out in this report.

Mark O'Callaghan – Scrutiny and Engagement Officer, 12 April 2021