

## **Appointment of Deputy Mayor 2017/18**

<b>Final Decision-Maker</b>	Full Council
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	Councillor Jukes, Leader of the Council
<b>Lead Director</b>	Lee Colyer, Director of Finance, Policy and Development
<b>Head of Service</b>	Jane Clarke, Head of Policy & Governance
<b>Lead Officer/Report Author</b>	Mike McGeary, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Classification</b>	Non-exempt
<b>Wards affected</b>	All

**This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:**

That Councillor Horwood be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.

**This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:**

- A Confident Borough – This decision supports the Council's commitment to ensure that the authority is well-managed, open, transparent and accountable.

<b>Timetable</b>	
<b><i>Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Date</i></b>
Council	26 April 2017

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report sets out a recommendation in respect of the appointment of a Deputy Mayor for 2017/18.
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## **2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council is required each year to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the following municipal year.
- 2.2 After the decision taken at tonight's meeting, the Deputy Mayor will formally take up their position at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 24 May 2017.
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## **3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The appointment of a Deputy Mayor is a requirement of the Borough Council's Constitution. There is, therefore, no alternative option.
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## **4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 That Councillor Horwood be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for 2017/18, in accordance with the Borough Council's Constitution.
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## **5. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

- 5.1 Consultation, in its usual form, is not considered appropriate or necessary for this issue.
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## **6. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION**

- 6.1 This decision will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The formal appointment will be taken up at the Annual Meeting of the Council, which takes place on Wednesday 24 May at 10am.
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## 7. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off (name of officer and date)
<b>Legal</b> including 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.	Estelle Culligan, Interim Head of Legal Partnership 3 April 2017
<b>Finance</b> and other resources	There are no specific finance issues to address.	Jane Fineman, Head of Finance and Procurement 5 April 2017
<b>Staffing establishment</b>	There are no specific staffing issues to address.	Nicky Carter, Head of Human Resources 4 April 2017
<b>Risk management</b>	There are no specific risk management issues to address.	Report author
<b>Environment and sustainability</b>	There are no specific environmental issues to address.	Report author
<b>Community safety</b>	There are no specific community safety issues to address.	Report author
<b>Health and Safety</b>	There are no specific health and safety issues to address.	Report author
<b>Health and wellbeing</b>	There are no specific health and wellbeing issues to address.	Report author
<b>Equalities</b>	The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no apparent equality impact on end users.	Sarah Lavallie, West Kent Equalities Officer 4 April 2017

## 8. REPORT APPENDICES

None

## 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report made to the Full Council, dated 20 April 2016.