

Annual Meeting of the Council – 20th May, 2010

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Election of Leader of the Council

Purpose of Report

1. To elect the Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution.

Background

2. At its extraordinary meeting held on 30th November, 2009, the Council resolved to formally adopt the new Leader with Cabinet model of governance to come into effect in the 2010/11 municipal year. The necessary amendments to the Constitution to give effect to this decision were implemented on 10th May, 2010.
3. The Council's Procedure Rules require that the Leader shall be appointed at the annual meeting of the Council (as and when necessary). Further, Article 7 of the Council's Constitution prescribes that the Leader will hold office for a period of four years or until:
 - (a) his/her term of office as a Councillor expires; or
 - (b) he/she resigns from the office; or
 - (c) he/she is suspended from being a Councillor under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although he/she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension); or
 - (d) he/she is no longer a Councillor; or
 - (e) he/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council.

Finance

4. The financial implications arising from this report will be met from existing resources.

Law

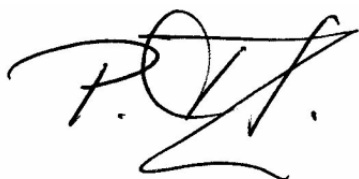
5. The relevant statutory provisions regarding the Constitution are contained in Part II of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, together with Regulations, Orders and Statutory Guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

6. This report has no direct implications for the Council's policies with regard to equality and diversity. Decisions of the Leader on policy issues and the implementation of the Council Plan framework will involve actions to promote equality and in relation to children and young people.

Recommendation

7. That the Council elect the Leader in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

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Philip Tart
Director of Corporate Resources