

**28TH MARCH, 2022**

**REPORT NO. DEM2201**

## **SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2022/23**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This Report sets out the outcome of the selection process for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2022/23 and proposes a review of the selection criteria.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council has established a process and criteria for selecting the Mayor and Deputy Mayor which is adopted as part of the Council's Constitution. A copy of the criteria is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 Having followed the usual procedure, for 2022/23 there are no councillors who meet all of the current criteria and who wish to take the role of Deputy Mayor, progressing to the position of Mayor in 2023/24. A significant factor is the high turnover of councillors elected over the last few elections.
- 2.3 The Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee has responsibility to keep the arrangements under review.

### **3. PROPOSALS FOR NOMINATIONS**

- 3.1 Through normal progression, Cllr J.H. Marsh, who is currently the Deputy Mayor will progress to the position of Mayor for 2022/23.
- 3.2 For the position of Deputy Mayor, the appropriate Members on the seniority list have been contacted. However, in order to secure a nomination, it is necessary to break one of the criteria. From those councillors who meet all but one of the criteria, Cllr A.K. Chowdhury has indicated his interest to accept the role. The criteria that he doesn't meet is that he is standing for election this year. In this way, it may be necessary to revisit the appointment following the elections in May.
- 3.3 In view of the difficulties meeting the requirements for these roles, it is proposed that it would be timely to review the criteria and to report back to the Committee

in due course following informal engagement with Members. This is necessary to ensure that the provisions continue to be effectual, and to reflect the changing composition of the Council's membership which comprises a greater number of newer councillors.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

4.1 The Committee recommends to Council that:

- (i) Cllr J.H. Marsh be appointed as Mayor-Elect for the 2022/23 Municipal Year; and
- (ii) Cllr A.K. Chowdhury be appointed as Deputy Mayor-Elect for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

The Committee is recommended to request that the criteria for the selection of Mayor and Deputy-Mayor be brought back for consideration in due course following informal engagement with Members.

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