

2ND APRIL, 2025

REPORT NO. DEM2502

SELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2025/26

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Report sets out the current position on the selection process for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2025/26.

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 In accordance with the procedure, the Chief Executive wrote to all councillors in December 2024 to invite expressions of interest in the role of Deputy Mayor for 2025/26, progressing to the position of Mayor in 2026/27.

3. PROPOSALS FOR NOMINATIONS

- 3.1 Cllr Calum Stewart, who is currently the Deputy Mayor, has confirmed his wish to proceed through normal progression to the position of Mayor for 2025/26.
- 3.2 For the position of Deputy Mayor, it has not yet been possible to secure a nomination for recommendation to the Committee that meets all of the requirements of the selection criteria. It is proposed to convene a meeting of Group Leaders to review the process to elicit a candidate for the role of the Deputy Mayor to date and agree the basis of determining a candidate that will secure broad based support.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) The Committee recommends to Council that Cllr Calum Stewart be appointed as Mayor-Elect for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.
- (ii) The Committee to note that the process for seeking a nomination for Deputy Mayor 2025/26 is underway with a view to securing a nomination before the Annual Council Meeting.

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