



COUNCIL: 27 FEBRUARY 2019

Report of: Borough Solicitor

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SUBJECT: MAYOR ELECT 2019/20

Wards Affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek nominations for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2019/20.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That an indication be given as to the name of the Member to be designated as Mayor-elect for the Municipal Year 2019/20 and the name of the Member to be designated for appointment as the Deputy Mayor.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 This year the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 15 May, and, as usual, the first items of business will be to elect the Mayor and appoint the Deputy Mayor for the next Municipal Year.

3.2 As in previous years, it would be helpful if an indication could be given as to the names of the Members likely to be elected as Mayor and the names of the Members likely to be appointed as the Deputy Mayor, to enable those Members to make any necessary arrangements in advance. If no choice is made in advance of the Annual Meeting, the member to be elected would have very little time in which to make appropriate arrangements (for example, with his or her employer).

3.3 It is important that both the member involved and the officers have as much time as possible to make arrangements for the Annual Meeting and indeed for the incoming Mayor's year of office. This would greatly assist in ensuring that the Annual Meeting runs smoothly and that the first weeks of the Mayor's term of office are organised as efficiently as possible.

3.4 In general terms, the points raised above in relation to the Mayor-elect also apply to the position of Deputy Mayor-elect, although, of course, to a lesser extent.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The remuneration for the posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will remain at the same level for 2019/20, (£9,000 and £1,780 respectively) and these will be funded from existing resources. Following the decision of Council at its meeting on 13 December 2017, a review of the role of the Mayor was undertaken by the Independent Remuneration Panel on 15 November 2018, when it was recommended that no change be made to the current level of allowances. This will be considered at this meeting of Council, under the Scheme of Members Allowances for 2012/21.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 It is sensible in the interests of the efficient running of the Council for an indication to be given in advance of the Members to be designated as Mayor elect and Deputy Mayor elect respectively.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

None