

Election of the Leader of Swindon Borough Council

Council

Date: 17th May 2019

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Wards: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To elect a Leader of the Council following the Local Government Elections held on Thursday 2nd May 2019.
- 1.2 It is necessary under the provisions of the Council's Constitution (Council Procedure Rules/Standing Orders) for the Council to make appointments to the office of Leader of the Council.
- 1.3 The Council adopted the Leader-Cabinet executive arrangement at its meeting held on 16th December 2010 (Minute 87 2010/11 refers). In accordance with this decision these arrangements became effective on the third day following the 2011 local elections, in accordance with Section 33F of the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 Elect the Leader of Swindon Borough Council.
- 2.2 To note the appointment of a Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members by the newly elected Leader of the Council.

3. Detail

- 3.1 It is a function of Swindon Council's Constitution that the Council elect a Leader of the Council.
- 3.2 In accordance with Article 7 of the Council's Constitution the Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council. The Leader's term of office ends on the day on which the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor or until:
 - (a) He/she resigns from the office; or
 - (b) He/she is no longer a Councillor; or
 - (c) He/she is removed from office by resolution of the Council following Notice of Motion having been given in accordance with the Council's procedural rules (Standing Orders). In the event of the Leader being removed from office by resolution of the Council, the new Leader may be appointed at the same or a subsequent meeting.

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3.3 Councillor David Renard was appointed Leader of the Council in May 2015. Following his re-election as a Councillor in the recent Local Government elections it is necessary to re-appoint the position of Leader of the Council.

3.4 Nominations for this position will be tabled at the meeting.

3.5 Following the election of a Leader of the Council, a list of those appointed to serve as Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet will be tabled. These appointments are made by the Leader of the Council and are tabled for Members' information

4. Alternative Options

4.1 No alternative options are proposed.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

5.1 There are no financial or procurement options.

5.2 The posts of the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council receive Special Responsibility Allowances.

5.3 These Allowances are for the Leader of the Council £25,656 and for the Deputy Leader £14,966.

5.4 Members of the Cabinet receive Special Responsibility Allowances. The Allowance for portfolio holders is £12,828.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

5.5 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. The Council is required to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000 and associated Regulations and Statutory Instruments.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

5.6 There are no specific implications that relate to staff, sustainability, health, rural, crime and disorder within this report.

Diversity Impact Assessment

5.7 A Diversity Impact Assessment has not been completed for this report. This is because it relates to the appointment of the Leader of Swindon Borough Council, with no changes to staffing, budget or service eligibility criteria.

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Risk Management

- 5.8 A risk assessment has not been completed as this report refers specifically to the appointment of the Leader of the Council.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and Interim Director of Law (Interim Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 None.