

**Report to:** County Council

**Date of meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014

**Lead Officer:** Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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**Title:** Arrangements for Election of Chair and Vice Chair at Annual Council

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**1 What is the report about?**

1.1 The arrangements for election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council for the municipal year 2014/15.

**2 What is the reason for making this report?**

2.1 The Chair and Vice Chair of Council will be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Council in May. The purpose of the report is to agree the proposed Chair and Vice Chair for the coming municipal year 2014/15 to be formally elected at the Annual General meeting.

**3 What are the recommendations?**

3.1 That Council agrees the proposed Chair and Vice Chair for the municipal year 2014 to be formally elected at the Council's annual meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

**4 Report details**

4.1 In 2006 the Council agreed with the conclusions of the former Modernising Panel that the previous procedure whereby Annual Council met with no real certainty as to who would emerge as Chair and Vice Chair of the Council detracted from the dignity of the occasion.

4.2 Council resolved that the arrangements for the election of Chair and Vice Chair should be addressed at the meeting prior to Annual Council.

4.3 The current Vice Chair of Council is Councillor Brian Blakeley. The tradition is that the current Vice Chair of Council is elected as Chair of Council for the forthcoming municipal year.

4.4 Group Leaders have been requested to provide nominations for the role of Vice Chair of Council for the coming municipal year. Details of those nominated will, if possible, be circulated before the meeting.

## **5 How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

5.1 The roles of Chair and Vice Chair of Council do not impact directly on the corporate priorities.

## **6 What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

6.1 The roles of Chair and Vice Chair of the Council currently attract senior salaries of £19,035 and £14,805 respectively. These figures are inclusive of the basic salary paid to all members. The salary level to be determined for the Chair and Vice Chair of Council for the forthcoming year will be the subject of a separate report.

## **7 What consultations have been carried out?**

7.1 Group Leaders have been consulted with regard to the nomination of members to the role of Vice Chair of Council.

## **8 Chief Finance Officer Statement**

8.1 There are no additional costs arising from this recommendation.

## **9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

9.1 There is a reputational risk to the Council if there is no certainty as to the proposed Chair and Vice Chair of Council at the Annual Meeting.

## **10 Power to make the decision?**

10.1 Article 5 Council Constitution.  
Section 4 Local Government Act 1972.