

<b>Report to</b>	Council
<b>Date of meeting</b>	10 September 2024
<b>Head of Service</b>	Catrin Roberts, Head of Corporate Support Service: People
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<b>Title</b>	Appointment of Vice Chair of Council

## **1. What is the report about?**

- 1.1. The arrangements for the appointment of the vice chair of Council for the remaining part of the 2024 / 2025 municipal year.

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

- 2.1. The vice chair of Council is appointed at the Annual Meeting of Council in May each year. In May 2024 Council appointed Councillor Diane King to the role which is now vacant following Councillor King's resignation as vice chair in July 2024.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

- 3.1 That Council appoints a councillor to the post of vice chair of Council for the remainder of the 2024 / 2025 municipal year.

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1. In May 2024 Council appointed Councillor Diane King to the role of vice chair of the Council, supporting Councillor Peter Scott in his role as chair of Council. The appointment of a vice chair of Council is for a municipal year, ending with the annual meeting of Council the following May.
- 4.2. The Council's tradition is for the current vice chair of Council to be elected as chair of Council at the following year's annual meeting.

4.3. As a result of a vacancy on Denbighshire County Council's Cabinet the Leader of the Council offered Councillor King a seat on Cabinet, which Councillor King has accepted. Cabinet members are not permitted to undertake the civic roles of chair or vice chair of Council, so Councillor King resigned her civic role in July 2024 in order to begin her Cabinet duties.

## **5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?**

5.1. The role of vice chair of Council does not impact directly on the corporate plan but it is a key role in supporting meetings of full Council and for representing the Council on a range of civic duties.

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

6.1. The role of vice chair of Council currently attracts a civic salary of £22,406. This figure is inclusive of the basic salary paid to all elected members.

## **7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?**

7.1. A well being impact assessment is not required for this report.

## **8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

8.1 The leaders of the political groups on the Council have been consulted on the nomination of their members to the role of vice chair of Council.

## **9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

9.1. There are no additional costs arising from this report.

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

10.1. There is a potential reputational risk to the Council which can arise from any uncertainties in the proposed candidates for the civic role.

## **11. Power to make the decision**

11.1. Section 5 Local Government Act 1972 and section 4 of the Council's constitution.