

20 May 2015

Annual Council

Election of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

Report of: *Ben Bix, Corporate and Democratic Services Manager*

Wards Affected: *All Wards*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Constitution under Council Procedure Rule 2.1 (i) provides that the Annual Meeting of Council will consider the election from its Members a Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.
- 1.2 The Mayor will invite nominations for the election of Leader and Deputy Leader for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That a Leader of the Council be elected**
- 2.2 That a Deputy Leader of the Council be elected**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 Article 4 (2) (k) of the Constitution reserves to full Council the election from its Members of a Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council. The election of a Leader and Deputy Leader under Council Procedure Rule 2.1 (i) is considered at the Annual Meeting.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 Annual Council must comply with the Constitution.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

5.1 To comply with Article 4 of the Constitution.

6. Consultation

6.1 Group Leaders will be consulted post the Borough Elections on 7 May 2015.

7. References to Corporate Plan

7.1 None

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, save for the respective Allowances as agreed under item 14 of this agenda.

Legal Implications

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8.2 The election of a Leader and Deputy Leader in an authority operating a Committee System form of governance such as Brentwood, **does not** confer on those Members any functions for the purposes of the Local Government Act 2000.

8.3 Under the Committee System, no single councillor has any delegated power to discharge any function of the Council (other than as regards their own ward budget under section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) nor can any such delegated power be granted to a single councillor.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

8.4 None.

9. Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

9.1 None

10. Appendices to this report

None.

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