

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING: COUNCIL

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DATE: 23rd MARCH 2016

TITLE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE CHAIR(MAN) DESIGNATE FOR 2016/17

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List of attachments to this report: None

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to name a Councillor as Vice Chair(man) of the Council (Designate) for the next Council Year beginning in May 2016.

1.2 The Council, at its Annual Meeting on 12th May 2016, will still be required formally to elect Councillors to be the Chair(man) and Vice-Chair(man) of the Council for the forthcoming Council Year.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council names a Councillor to be treated for forward planning purposes as Vice Chair(man) of the Council (Designate) for the 2016/17 Council Year.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4.1 Because of the pivotal role of the Chair(man) and Vice Chair(man) of the Council in the community, the nomination of the Councillors who will hold these offices from May 2016 will contribute towards the achievement of the Council's vision of Bath and North East Somerset as a distinctive place with vibrant communities.

5 THE REPORT

5.1 The role of the Chair(man) of the Council has increased significantly in recent years. The number of civic engagements and requests for the presence of the Chair(man) at local events throughout the area continues to rise year on year. In addition, the Chair(man) supports a number of awards and functions which require advance planning.

5.2 In the absence of the Chair(man), or when there is a clash of events, the Vice Chair(man) will represent the Council on behalf of the Chair(man).

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 No risk assessment related to this issue is required because the decision as to whether to make a nomination at this stage in the Council Year rests solely with the Council and does not affect the legal requirement for the Chair(man) to be elected at the Annual General Meeting in May.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 The wide range of community groups who seek civic involvement in their activities through inviting the Chair(man) to their events will be helped in their diary planning by having Councillors named as Chair(man) and Vice-Chairman Designate at this stage. It will also assist the Councillors with their preparations for the year.

8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

8.1 The Council's civic and corporate community interests.

9 ADVICE SOUGHT

9.1 The Chief Executive, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer have had the opportunity to provide input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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