

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

25th May 2022

Report of the Chief Executive

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All wards

Annual General Meeting and election of Chair/Vice Chair for 2022/2023

Purpose of the Report:

1. To fulfil the legal requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and hold an Annual General Meeting for the civic year 2022/2023

Background:

2. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Council is obliged at its annual meeting to undertake the following:
 - (a) elect a person to preside if the Chair of Council is not present; but no member of the Executive can preside, or be Chair or Vice Chair of the Council;
 - (b) elect the Chair of the Council (who will be entitled "Mayor");
 - (c) appoint the Vice Chair of the Council (who will be entitled "Deputy Mayor");
 - (d) receive any announcements from the Chair and/or Chief Executive;
 - (e) elect the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council;
 - (f) agree the number of Members to be appointed to the

Executive;

- (g) appoint Scrutiny Committees, a Standards Committee and such other Committees as the Council considers appropriate to deal with matters which are neither reserved to the Council nor are executive functions (as set out in Part 3 of this Constitution)
 - (h) agree such delegations as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree (as set out in Part 3 of this Constitution)
 - (i) approve a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and its Committees for the year, and
 - (j) consider any business set out in the notice convening the meeting.
3. The election of chair shall be the first business transacted at the annual meeting of the Council. In light of discussions still ongoing between political parties as to the make-up of the Council for the civic year 2022/2023, it is recommended that items (b) and (c) of paragraph 2 of this report and the appointment of Mayor/Deputy Mayor be deferred to the next meeting of the Full Council.

Financial Impacts:

4. There are no financial impacts associated with this report

Integrated Impact Assessment:

5. There is no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment as this is a report in respect of governance arrangements only

Valleys Communities Impacts:

6. There are no valley community impacts

Workforce Impacts:

7. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report

Legal Impacts:

8. The report discharges duties placed on the Council pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972

Risk Management Impacts:

9. Failure to ensure that the appropriate appointments are made could render the Council in breach of its statutory duties.

Consultation:

10. There will be no requirement for any consultation.

Recommendations:

11. It is recommended that in light of discussions still ongoing between political parties as to the make-up of the Council for the civic year 2022/2023, it is recommended that (b) and (c) of paragraph 2 of this report be deferred to the next meeting of the Full Council.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

12. To ensure the Council is appropriately constituted pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 and Local Government Act 2000

Implementation of Decision:

13. The decision is proposed for implementation immediately

Appendices:

14. None

List of Background Papers:

15. Constitution of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

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