

Part A

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Report author: Democratic Services Manager

Title: Vice Chairman 2024/25 Nominations

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report provides details of nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for 2024/25 in accordance with the procedures agreed by Council at its meeting on 19 March 2019 and attached to this report as Appendix 2.

1.2 In response to an email from the Democratic Services Manager on 20 February 2024, Councillor Favour Ezeifedi has forwarded her nomination. She is being proposed by Councillor Nigel Bell and seconded by Councillor Asif Khan.

1.3 Due to no other nominations being submitted no vote is required, as set out in the procedures to elect a Vice Chairman.

2.0 Risks

2.1 No risks are envisaged as a councillor has been nominated in accordance with the procedures.

3.0 Recommendation

3.1 that Council confirms the appointment of Councillor Favour Ezeifedi as Vice Chairman for 2024/25.

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4.0 **Detailed proposal**

- 4.1 At Council on 30 January 2024 the Chairman, Councillor Feldman, informed members that the Democratic Services Manager would be in contact in February seeking nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for 2024/25.
- 4.2 On Tuesday 20 February the Democratic Services Manager wrote to all members seeking nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for 2024/25. The deadline for nominations was close of business on Tuesday 27 February 2024. The Democratic Services Manager reminded all members that those members whose term of office expired in May 2024 would not be eligible, in accordance with the procedures. A list of all potential candidates was included.
- 4.3 The Democratic Services Manager received one response on Saturday 24 February from Councillor Ezeifedi, expressing her interest in the role. Councillor Ezeifedi confirmed that Councillor Bell would be nominating her, and Councillor Khan would be seconding the nomination. In addition, Councillor Ezeifedi provided a statement to support her nomination which is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 4.4 In accordance with the procedure to elect a Vice Chairman, as only Councillor Ezeifedi has been proposed and seconded she will be Vice Chairman for 2024/25 and then Chairman in 2025/26, as is the custom practice. Council is therefore asked to confirm the appointment.

5.0 **Implications**

5.1 **Financial**

- 5.1.1 The Chief Finance Officer comments that there are no financial implications contained in this report.

5.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

- 5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report. Council has agreed the procedure for nominating to the role of Vice-Chairman.

5.3 **Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection**

- 5.3.1 Nominations were open to all councillors except the Elected Mayor, the current Vice Chairman, Councillor Allen-Williamson, and any member whose term of office is due to expire in May 2024. This is to ensure the continuity of the position and to avoid having to repeat the process at Annual Council. If a member of the Executive were to be appointed, they would be required to step down from the Executive in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.

5.4 **Staffing**

5.4.1 None

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 None

5.6 **Community Safety/Crime and Disorder**

5.6.1 None

5.7 **Sustainability**

5.7.1 None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Statement from Councillor Ezeifedi

Appendix 2 – Procedure to elect Vice Charman from May 2020

Background papers

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.