

Part A

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: Tuesday, 15 March 2022

Report author: Democratic Services Manager

Title: Vice Chairman 2022/23 Nominations

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the two councillors who have been nominated for the role of Vice Chairman for 2022/23. Any statements provided by the councillors have been attached as appendices or will be given at Council.

2.0 Risks

- 2.1 As there have been councillors nominated for the position there are no risks relating to this report.

3.0 Recommendations

- 3.1 that Council notes the result of the votes for the Vice Chairman 2022/23 and appoints the duly elected councillor.

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4.0 Detailed proposal

- 4.1 At Council on 24 January 2022 the Chairman, Councillor Mauthoor, informed members that the Democratic Services Manager would be in contact in February seeking nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for 2022/23.
- 4.2 On 21 February the Democratic Services Manager wrote to all members seeking nominations for the Vice Chairman for 2022/23. The deadline for nominations was close of business on Monday 28 February. The Democratic Services Manager reminded all members that nominations could not be accepted for any councillor whose term of office expired in May 2022 or May 2023, which was in accordance

with the procedure agreed by Council in March 2019. A list of potential candidates was included.

4.3 The Democratic Services Manager received two responses and these are shown below in alphabetical order by surname with details of their proposer and seconder:

- Councillor Simon Feldman
Proposed by Councillor Jennifer Pattinson and seconded by Mayor Peter Taylor
- Councillor Dennis Watling
Proposed by Councillor Matt Turmaine and seconded by Councillor Jagtar Singh Dhindsa

The Democratic Services Manager confirmed that neither nominee's term of office was due to expire in May 2022 or May 2023. Each councillor was invited to provide a statement. Councillor Feldman's statement is attached as an appendix to this report. Councillor Watling will give a verbal statement at Council.

4.4 **Vice Chairman's Allowance**

Following Council's agreement of the Independent Member Remuneration Panel's report and recommendations, the Vice Chairman will receive an allowance of £1,500 to support them in their role.

4.5 **Voting**

The previous two elections of Vice Chairman were agreed following a vote prior to the Council meeting taking place, due to the pandemic's impact on meetings. However, this year as the Council meeting is taking place in person the voting can take place on the day as set out in the original procedures agreed in March 2019 and amended in 2021.

4.6 At Council the Democratic Services Manager will ensure that all members are provided with a ballot paper to enable them to carry out the secret ballot. Following all votes being completed and collected by the Democratic Services Manager the numbers for each nominee will be counted and the result provided to the Chairman. The Chairman will then announce the result.

4.7 At Council in March 2021 members agreed to a single transferable voting system for those occasions where there are more than two candidates. This voting system will not be required on this occasion.

5.0 Implications

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications.

5.2 Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)

5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that Section 5 Local Government Act 1972 requires the council to appoint a Vice – Chairman and permits the payment of an allowance.

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 Grimston, members of Cabinet and any member whose term of office is due to expire in May 2022 or May 2023. This is to ensure a continuity of the position and to avoid having to repeat the process at Annual Council.

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

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Statement from Councillor Feldman

Background papers

No papers were used in the preparation of this report.