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**Civic Arrangements 2018/2019 (GV000)**

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Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	19 December, 2017
Cabinet portfolio:	Governance
Report by:	Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

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**1.0 Purpose of report**

1.1 To confirm arrangements for the civic year 2018/19 in respect of the following:

- (a) Election of Deputy Mayor 2018/19.
- (b) Annual Council Meeting and Civic Dinner 2018.
- (c) Civic Service 2018.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That it be recommended to Council that Councillor Gordon Simmons be invited to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2018/19.
- 2.2 That it be noted that the Annual Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 May 2018, followed by a civic reception at the Winding Wheel.
- 2.3 That it be noted that the Annual Civic Service and Procession will be held on Saturday 12 May 2018.

### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 Each year the Council is asked to confirm its civic arrangements for the forthcoming municipal year, namely the appointment of Deputy Mayor, the date of the Annual Council meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and the associated civic events.

### **4.0 Election of Deputy Mayor**

- 4.1 The appointment of Deputy Mayor as Vice Chairman of the Council is a statutory appointment under Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972. In the case of a Borough Council the Vice Chairman is entitled to use the title of Deputy Mayor.
- 4.2 Cabinet adopted the following protocol for electing the Deputy Mayor in November 2006 (minute no. 124), continuing the practice adopted in 1995, namely:-
- (a) That the Deputy Mayor will be elected as Mayor after his or her year as Deputy Mayor, and
  - (b) That the Mayor will be the councillor with the longest service, and that priority between councillors with equal length of service will be governed by ascending alphabetical order of surname, without regard to membership of political group.
- 4.3 In accordance with this protocol, Councillor Gordon Simmons has indicated his willingness to accept the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2018/19. This will need to be confirmed by Full Council.

### **5.0 Civic Arrangements 2018/19**

- 5.1 The date of the Annual Council Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2018/19 will be Wednesday 9 May 2018.
- 5.2 In accordance with council policy, confirmed by Cabinet at minute no. 126, (2008/09), the Annual Council Meeting shall be immediately followed by a civic reception at the Winding Wheel with a Civic Service on the following Saturday. The Civic Service will, therefore, be held on 12 May 2018.

- 5.3 The Mayor Elect is meeting with the Chief Executive and the Member and Civic Support Officers in January 2018 to confirm details for the civic reception and make preparations for the Mayoral year.

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## 7.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 7.1 To enable the Council to confirm civic arrangements for 2018/19.

### Decision information

<b>Key decision number</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Links to Council Plan priorities</b>	To provide value for money services.

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<b>Background documents</b> These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
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