

## For publication

### Civic Arrangements 2021/22 (GV000)

<b>Meeting:</b>	Cabinet Council
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<b>Cabinet portfolio:</b>	Governance
<b>Directorate:</b>	Corporate

#### **1.0 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To confirm arrangements for the civic year 2020/21 in respect of the following:
- a) Election of Mayor of the Borough
  - b) Election of Deputy Mayor of the Borough
  - c) Annual Council Meeting
- 1.2 To provide members with an update on the arrangements for the associated civic events, namely the Annual Civic Service and Parade and Mayoral Dinner.

#### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That it be recommended to Council that Councillor Glenys Falconer be invited to become Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22.
- 2.2 That it be recommended to Council that Councillor Tony Rogers be invited to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22.
- 2.3 That it be noted that the Annual Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 May 2021.

2.4 That it be noted that plans for the Annual Civic Service, Parade and Mayoral Dinner are to be confirmed and that arrangements will be made in line with the latest Covid19 guidance.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendations**

3.1 To enable the Council to confirm civic arrangements for 2021/22.

### **4.0 Report details**

4.1 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.□

4.2 During 2020/21, many of the civic events were disrupted due to the Covid19 pandemic. The restrictions implemented by the Government in March 2020 resulted in the postponement of the Annual Council Meeting (ACM) to October, 2020, as provided for in the regulations made pursuant to the Coronavirus Act 2020 making it possible for local authorities to postpone their annual meetings.

4.3 Full Council approved a report on 15 July, 2020 which proposed changes to the civic arrangements for the period July 2020 to May 2022. To mitigate the negative impact that the restrictions due to Covid19 would have on the 2020/21 Mayoral term, an emergency transition period was agreed for 2020/21 whereby the former Mayor, Councillor Gordon Simmons, and the current Mayor, Councillor Glenys Falconer, each served as Mayor for 6 months. Following which, Councillor Glenys Falconer would be invited to serve as Mayor for the whole of 2021/22.

4.4 At the ACM on 21 October 2020, Councillor Glenys Falconer was elected as Mayor of the Borough and Councillor Tony Rogers was elected as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the remainder of the 2020/21 civic year.

4.5 The Local Government Act (LGA) 1972 requires Local Authorities to hold an annual meeting each year between the months of March to May; the appointment of the Mayor should be the first business transacted at the annual meeting. Therefore, the Annual Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12 May, 2021 and Councillor

Glenys Falconer will be invited to continue serving as Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22. In addition, Councillor Tony Rogers will be invited to continue serving as Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22.

#### 4.6 Annual Civic Service, Parade and Mayoral Dinner

It is tradition for the arrangements for the Annual Civic Service, Parade and Mayoral dinner to be set out in this report. These events will not be able to take place in their usual format in May, 2021 due to the Covid19 pandemic. The safety of our elected members, council staff and residents must take a priority, therefore these events will only go ahead once it is safe to do so and in compliance with the latest Government guidance.

4.7 It is likely that these events will take place later in the Mayoral Term and the Civic Office will work in consultation with the Mayor and Consort, Parish Church and other key stakeholders when making the necessary arrangements.

### **5.0 Alternative options**

5.1 The appointment of the Mayor at the annual meeting of the Council is a statutory requirement of the LGA 1972 which the Council must comply with therefore there is no alternative option.

### **6.0 Implications for consideration – Council Plan**

6.1 There are no implications for the Council Plan.

### **7.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money**

7.1 There are no financial or value for money implications.

### **8.0 Implications for consideration – Legal**

8.1 The report paves the way for the election of the Mayor of the Borough for 2021/22 at the Annual Council Meeting in May, 2021 in accordance with the requirements of the LGA 1972.

### **9.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources**

9.1 There are no implications on human resources.

## 10.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

Description of the Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action	Impact	Likelihood
The current Mayoral term will be longer than usual and engagements may need to be adapted depending on current Covid19 guidance.	M	M	The Mayoral Protocol has recently been reviewed to reflect the changes that have been made during the emergency period and to emphasise the support that is available. The Civic Office have experience in enabling engagements to go ahead in different formats (e.g. virtually) and hold regular meetings with the Mayor to manage the Mayoral diary.	L	L

## 11.0 Implications for consideration – community wellbeing

11.1 The Mayor has a unique role in supporting and raising awareness of local groups and organisations within the borough and representing the borough at significant events. During the pandemic, the role of the Mayor has adapted; engagements have taken place virtually and the Mayor has recorded videos to help lift the spirits of the people of Chesterfield including messages at Christmas and Remembrance when public events were not possible. Future plans for Mayoral activity include working with the museum to record virtual tours for residents to access online.

## 12.0 Implications for consideration – Economy and skills

12.1 There are no implications for economy and skills.

## 13.0 Implications for consideration – Climate Change

13.1 There are no implications for climate change.

## 14.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

13.1 There are no implications for equality and diversity.

### Decision information

<b>Key decision number</b>	Non-key
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards

### Document information

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