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Civic Arrangements 2023/24 – Deputy Mayor (GV000)

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1.0 Purpose of the report

1.1 To confirm arrangements for the civic year 2023/24 in respect of the appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2023/24.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That Councillor Jenny Flood be invited to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2023/24.

3.0 Reason for recommendation

3.1 To enable the Council to confirm civic arrangements for 2023/24.

4.0 Background

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 The Council resolved at the meeting on 22 February 2023 to invite Councillor Mick Brady to become Mayor of the Borough for 2023/24 and Councillor Howard Borrell to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2023/24. These appointments were however subject to the results of the Chesterfield Borough Council election on 4 May 2023.

4.3 Due to the election results, Howard Borrell is no longer eligible to become Deputy Mayor and the Council must elect a new Deputy Mayor.

4.4 Election of the Deputy Mayor

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.

4.5 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.

4.6 In accordance with this protocol, Councillor Jenny Flood has indicated her willingness to accept the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2023/24. This will need to be confirmed by Full Council.

5.0 Alternative options

5.1 None.

6.0 Implications for consideration – Financial and value for money

6.1 There are no significant financial implications for consideration. A small budget is allocated for mayoral allowances and the delivery of civic events.

7.0 Implications for consideration – Legal

7.1 There are no legal implications for consideration. The proposals in this report are in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and council policy.

8.0 Implications for consideration – Human resources

8.1 There are no implications for consideration relating to human resources.

9.0 Implications for consideration – Council plan

9.1 There are no implications for consideration relating to the council plan.

10.0 Implications for consideration – Climate change

10.1 The Climate Change Officer has been consulted on the report and is satisfied that there are no climate change implications for consideration.

11.0 Implications for consideration – Equality and diversity

11.1 The meeting with the Deputy Mayor will confirm any reasonable adjustments required to fulfil the full range of duties. These will be adjusted and improved as necessary during the mayoral year.

12.0 Implications for consideration – Risk management

12.1 Risk assessments are undertaken for all mayoral events and engagements.

Decision information

Key decision number	Non-key
Wards affected	All

Document information

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Background documents
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.
None
Appendices to the report
None