

FOR PUBLICATION

CIVIC ARRANGEMENTS 2015/16 (B000)

MEETING: 1 COUNCIL
 2. CABINET
 2. EXECUTIVE MEMBER – GOVERNANCE &
 ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 1. 17 DECEMBER 2014
 2. 2 DECEMBER 2014
 3. 24 DECEMBER 2014

REPORT BY: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

WARD: ALL

COMMUNITY FORUM: ALL

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR PUBLIC REPORTS: NIL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To confirm arrangements for the civic year 2015/16 in respect of the following :-

- (a) Election of Deputy Mayor 2015/2016.
- (b) Annual Council Meeting and Civic Dinner 2015.
- (c) Civic Service 2015.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That it be recommended to Council that, subject to re-election, Councillor Barry Bingham be invited to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2015/16.
- 2.2 That it be noted that the Annual Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May 2015, 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 23rd May 2015.

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 Barry Bingham has indicated his willingness to accept the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2015/16. This will need to be confirmed by Full Council.

5.0 **CIVIC ARRANGEMENTS 2014/15**

5.1 The date of the Annual Council Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2015/16 will be Wednesday 20th May 2015.

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 23rd May 2015.

5.3 In respect of the civic reception the Mayor is given the choice of a buffet or dinner. The Mayor Elect, Councillor Denise Hawksworth has indicated her preference for a dinner.

5.4 Following the practice adopted for the civic dinner during 2013 a charge of £25 will be made for guests attending the event, subject to the exceptions agreed by Cabinet at minute no. 203(2012/13). These are: Mayor and Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Mayor's guests limited to 20, Mayor's cadets, staff working at the event, and after dinner speakers and their partners.

6.0 **Mayor's Retirement Event**

6.1 It was agreed in February 2014 that the Mayor's Complementary Dinner should cease. After this agreement a meeting was held by the Leaders of the three political groups and the Executive Member for Governance to discuss other options to recognise the retiring Mayor's Year of Office. It was decided that the incoming Mayor would host a small reception, with selected guests, in the Mayor's Parlour for the retiring Mayor and Mayoress, as soon as possible after the Civic Service.

7.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That it be recommended to Council that Councillor Barry Bingham be invited to become Deputy Mayor of the Borough for 2015/16.

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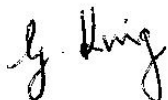
7.3 That it be noted that the Annual Civic Service and Procession will be held on Saturday 23rd May 2015.

8.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To enable the Council to confirm civic arrangements for 2015/16.

Further information on this matter can be obtained from Vivien Miller (Ext 5237).

Officer recommendation supported.



Signed

Executive Member

Date 24.11.14