

**COUNCIL: 27 March 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM: 8**

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND MONITORING OFFICER**

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**LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT**

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**Reason for this Report**

1. To consider nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2014/15 civic year.

**Background**

2. The election of the Chair and Vice Chair of Council are determined by a vote of the Council at its Annual Meeting in May and nominations for these positions are usually made at an earlier Council meeting. The Members appointed as Chair and Vice Chair are entitled to use the titles The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor respectively.

**Issues**

3. The purpose of this report is to seek the nomination of Members for election as Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor. It will be necessary for Council to formally elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council.
4. Party/Group nominations for these positions have been sought.

**Reasons for Recommendations**

5. To consider nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2014/15 civic year, in advance of the formal election at the Annual Council meeting in May.

## **Legal Implications**

- 6 The Local Government Act 1972 requires that the Chairman of the Council be elected annually and that the Vice Chairman be appointed annually. In neither case may that person be a member of the Executive. The Council has the benefit of a Royal Charter permitting the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be known by the style and title of The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor respectively.

## **Financial Implications**

- 7 Payments to civic heads are within the remit of the Independent Remuneration Panel. For 2014/15, the Panel has revised its determinations on the remuneration of civic head and their deputies, and now provides for authorities to set remuneration levels which reflect activity and responsibility rather than population. It has set three levels of civic salary for each of these roles which can be paid by any authority according to local factors. These range between £19,000 to £24,000 (inclusive of the basic allowance) and £14,000 to £18,000 (inclusive of basic allowance ) for the Deputy Lord Mayor. These amounts can be met from within existing budgets.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8 It is recommended that:

Council consider nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor elect for the 2014/15 Civic year.

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**21 March 2014**