

COUNCIL:

18 MARCH 2021

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES

LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT

Reason for this Report

1. That Council agrees to re-appoint the current Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2021 - 2022 Civic Year.

Background

2. Under the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (The Regulations) the Annual General Meeting of the Council for 2020 was not held in May, it was delayed until November 2020 due to the pandemic. As the Regulations make no provision for the Annual Meeting for 2021, the normal rules apply, requiring the 2021 Annual Meeting to be scheduled for March, April or May 2021. A provisional date of 27 May 2021 has been identified as the most likely date of the Annual Meeting for 2021.
3. As the previous Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council remained in office for 18 months due to the pandemic; and their successors were only appointed in November 2020 midway through the municipal year, Council agreed in September 2020 that the current Chair and Vice Chair may have their term of office extended until the Annual meeting in 2022 so they also serve for 18 months.

Legal Implications

4. 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

- 5 Payments to civic heads are within the remit of the Independent Remuneration Panel. For 2021/22, in the case of civic salaries, where paid a civic head must be paid a Band 3 salary of £23,161 and where paid, a Deputy Civic Head must be paid a Band 5 salary of £18,108 with effect from the 1 April 2021. These amounts will be met from within existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council agree to re-appoint the current Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor in their civic roles until the Annual Meeting of Council scheduled to take place in May 2022.

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Director of Governance and Legal Services
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Background Paper
The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 24 February 2021