APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

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Officer

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Wards affected: (All Wards);

Appendices (attached): None

Summary

To appoint the Leader of the Council.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

(1) Appoint the Leader of the Council to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2026

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Council agreed to adopt updates to its Constitution at its meeting of 6 May 2025, including a new FCR 2.1 (iii) of Appendix 4 to the Constitution and Annex 4-10 of the Operating Framework which relate to the appointment of a Leader of the Council.
- 1.2 FCR 2.1 (iii) requires the Council to appoint a Leader at its Annual Meeting.

2 Background

2.1 This report invites the Council to appoint a Leader to hold office until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2026 in accordance with FCR 2.1 (III) of the Constitution and paragraph 2.1 of Annex 4-10 of the Operating Framework.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

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- 3.1.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 6.2 **Service Plans**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 6.5 **Partnerships**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications**: No comments are provided on the appointment of the Leader.

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7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

None.

Other papers:

- FCR 2.1 (iii) of the Constitution, approved by the Council, 6 May 2025.
- Annexe 4-10 of the Operating Framework, approved by the Council, 6 May 2025.