

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Election of Executive Leader of the Council
Meeting/Date: Council – 26th July 2017
Executive Portfolio: Executive Leader
Report by: Managing Director
Ward(s) affected: All

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider the election of a new Executive Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2017/18 following the resignation of Councillor R B Howe as the current Executive Leader of the Council.

Recommendation:

that a Councillor be appointed Executive Leader of the Council for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2017/18.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to elect a new Executive Leader of the Council for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal Year in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and the Council's Constitution.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As a result of the implementation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority and the appointment of Councillor R B Howe as Deputy Mayor of the Combined Authority, the decision has been taken by Councillor Howe to resign from his position as Executive Leader to properly fulfil his duties and responsibilities in his new role on the Combined Authority.

3. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN

- 3.1 It is convention for the Executive Leader of the Council to be selected from the largest political group on the Council.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Under normal circumstances an Executive Leader is elected to serve for a four year term, or until that Member's term of office comes to an end as a councillor, or they resign from the office as a councillor, or is removed from office as a councillor by the Council. As the Council is moving to whole Council elections with effect from May 2018, the new Executive Leader will be appointed until May 2018.
- 4.2 Despite the fact that a Deputy Leader is appointed to support this role in their absence, there remains a requirement to elect an Executive Leader following a vacancy in this position on the Council.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 6.1 As a result of the resignation of Councillor Howe from his position as Executive Leader it is necessary for the Council to elect a new Executive Leader for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

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