

Subject: Appointment of Deputy Mayor

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Report to: Full Council

Date: 7th November 2007

Report of: Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Leader of the Council

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the appointment of Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the municipal year 2007/08.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Promoting Rossendale as a cracking place to live and visit (Economy)
 - Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
 - Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation in this report involves risk considerations as set out below:

It is important that a Deputy Mayor is appointed to provide support to the Mayor in the discharge of their official functions and duties.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 On 30th March 2005 Council agreed a procedure for the selection and appointment of Deputy Mayor which is set out below.
1. That the Deputy Mayor is selected by each political group in turn by whatever method that group sees fit from amongst a list of eligible Members. For this purpose, a political group is one with more than three Members serving on the Council.
 2. That an eligible Member is a Councillor who:-
 - (a) has at least two years service before re-election;
 - (b) is in at least their second consecutive term; and
 - (c) has not previously been the Mayor of Rossendale.
 3. If the group whose turn it is to make the selection is unable to nominate an eligible candidate, the responsibility for selection will transfer to the next political group and the annual rotation will recommence from the point.
 4. The Deputy Mayor will automatically be voted Mayor in the following year.
 5. That the appointment will be made at the first Council meeting after Christmas.
- 4.2 Council are asked to consider the appointment of Councillor Christine Gill as Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the municipal year. In doing so Members are asked in this case to suspend the criterion in relation to the second consecutive term of office minimum requirement.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY SERVICES

- 6.1 It is lawful for the Council to agree to suspend the criterion in 4.2 above.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 7.1 There are no Human Resource implications arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 It is important that a Deputy Mayor is appointed for the remainder of the year to provide support to the Mayor and to ensure that the appointment of Mayor for 2008/09 can be administered efficiently.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the eligibility criteria in relation to nominations for Deputy Mayor being in at least their second term of office be suspended;
- 9.2 That Councillor Christine Gill be appointed Deputy Mayor for remainder of the Municipal Year 2007/08.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Group Leaders

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required	No
Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached	N/A

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There are no background papers.