

# Crawley Borough Council

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## Report to Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council

**26 September 2013**

### **Election of Leader of the Council**

#### **1. Key Points**

- 1.1 Following the resignation of the previous Leader of the Council in August 2013, this report requests that the Council elect a new Leader. Crawley Borough Council adopted the Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) Model in December 2010, and the Leader must be a Councillor elected by the Full Council.
- 1.2 Following the election of the Leader, the Leader will be invited to present to Council, and for the Council to receive and note the details of those he/she has appointed as Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members.

#### **2. Recommendations**

##### **2.1 That the Council:**

- (a) **Elect a Leader of the Council.**
- (b) **Receive and note the details of those appointed by the Leader to serve as Deputy Leader and Members of the Cabinet.**
- (c) **Note that any consequential amendments to the following documents would be published in the Members' Information Bulletin:**
  - **Cabinet Members' portfolio responsibilities;**
  - **Elected Leader's delegation of Cabinet functions to Cabinet Members and officers; and**
  - **Terms of Reference and membership of the Town Centre Committee (being the one committee of the Cabinet).**

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### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The election of a Leader of the Council is a matter for the Full Council. The Council at its meeting on 15 December 2010 resolved that the Strong Leader and Cabinet model of governance be adopted by the Council and this was brought into effect on 8 May 2011.
- 3.2 The Constitution states that the Leader will hold office until:
- He/she resigns from the office; or
  - He/she is no longer a Councillor; or
  - He/she is otherwise disqualified from holding the office of a Councillor; or
  - Until the next Annual Meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor except that the Council may remove the Leader from office at an earlier date by resolution of the Council.
- 3.3 At its meeting held on 25 May 2012 Councillor Lanzer was elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term of office. In August 2013 Councillor Lanzer resigned as Leader.
- 3.4 The Council is invited to elect a Leader of the Council who will hold office until the first Annual Meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor.

### **4. Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members and Delegation of Cabinet Functions**

- 4.1 Under the Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) Model adopted by the Council, a Leader must be appointed by the Council. The Leader will appoint a Deputy Leader and a Cabinet with a statutory number between two and ten Members of the Council, including the Leader and Deputy.
- 4.2 In accordance with the Leader and Cabinet Procedure Rules, the Leader will be invited to present to Council the details of those appointed as Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members.
- 4.3 Members will be notified of any consequential changes the elected Leader wishes to make to the Cabinet Members' portfolio responsibilities, the written record of delegations made by him/her to Cabinet Members and officers, and the Terms of Reference and membership of the Town Centre Committee through an item in the Members' Information Bulletin.

### **5. Ward Members' Views**

- 5.1. Not applicable.

### **6. Staffing, Equalities, Financial and Legal Implications/Powers**

- 6.1 The legal implications are set out in the report.

6.2 There are no staffing or equalities implications arising from this report. It has not been necessary to complete an Equality Impact Assessment. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, the posts of Cabinet Member carry a special responsibility allowance under the Members' Allowances Scheme.

## **7. Risk Implications**

7.1 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

## **8. Environmental Impacts**

8.1 There are no environmental impacts arising from this report.

## **9. Other Implications**

9.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

## **10. Reasons for the Recommendation**

10.1 To accord with Article 7 and the Leader and Cabinet Procedure Rules of the Council's Constitution.

## **11. Background Papers**

- Crawley Borough Council's Constitution.
- Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

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