

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

5.1 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council Constitution stipulates that the Leader of the Council will be a Councillor elected at the annual meeting immediately following the ordinary election of Councillors. The Leader holds office for a four year period or until:

1. he or she resigns from office; or
2. he or she is suspended from being a councillor under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000
3. he or she is no longer a councillor; or
4. he or she is removed from office by a resolution of the Full Council: or
5. on expiry date of fixed term save that the Council may remove the Leader from office at an earlier date.

The Head of Democratic Services has been notified by the majority Group, the Hillingdon Conservative Group, that Councillor Ray Puddifoot will be nominated as Leader of the Council.

RECOMMENDATION: That Councillor Ray Puddifoot be appointed as Leader of the Council for the next four year period.

5.2 APPOINTMENT OF CABINET

Subject to the approval of 5.1 above, Members are asked to note the appointment by the Leader of the Council of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet for 2014/2015 as follows:

Position/Portfolio	Councillor
Deputy Leader and Education and Children's Services	David Simmonds
Central Services	Scott Seaman-Digby
Finance, Property and Business Services	Jonathan Bianco
Community, Commerce and Regeneration	Douglas Mills
Planning, Transportation and Recycling	Keith Burrows
Social Services, Health and Housing	Philip Corthorne

5.3 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL CHAMPIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That, subject to the approval of 5.1 above, the following Champions, as recommended by the Leader of the Council, be appointed and that a grant of £5,474.22 be paid to the Health, Wellbeing and Disabilities Champion to cover out of pocket expenses:

In accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution, Council is asked to consider the appointment of the following Members and one non Member as Council Champions under the generic Terms of Reference approved by full Council on 29 June 2006,

(revised February 2009) with additional guidance approved by the Leader of the Council to reflect specific responsibilities associated with the portfolios as shown:

- Older Persons - the Leader of the Council
- Corporate Parenting - Councillor Riley
- Carers - Councillor J. Cooper
- Heritage and Environment – Councillor Markham
- Sports - Councillor R.Mills
- Arts – Councillor Kelly
- Health, Wellbeing and Disabilities - Mrs Mary O'Connor

The Scheme of Members' Allowances includes provision for an allowance of £5,474.22 to be paid to each Champion and, in addition each position carries a £5,000 budget.

In the case of Mrs O'Connor, Council is asked to agree that a grant of £5,474.22 only, be paid to cover all out of pocket expenses associated with the position. Budgetary expenditure will be administered by the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

5.4 PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2014/15

Information

Following the approval of the annual programme of meetings in January 2014, it has become necessary to amend the date of the Annual Council Meeting in May 2015 as the currently approved date will clash with the date of the General Election, 7 May 2015.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Annual Council Meeting 2015 be moved to 14 May 2015.