

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Council **DATE:** 18 May 2023

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WARD(S): All

PART I **FOR DECISION**

ELECTION OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1 **Purpose of Report**

To elect the Leader of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution following the 4 May 2023 local elections.

2. **Recommendations**

The Council is asked to elect a Leader of the Council for a four-year term, expiring on the day of the post-election annual meeting which follows his / her election as Leader, unless the term ceases earlier in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution.

3. **Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

Effective, transparent and equitable democratic and decision-making processes are an essential pre-requisite to the delivery of all the Council's priorities.

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Legal Implications**

The Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities which operate Executive arrangements to include provision for the election of a Leader, including where there is a vacancy in the office. Arrangements may include provision with respect to the term of office of the Leader.

Article 7 (The Executive) of the Council's Constitution confirms that the decision to elect the Leader is a matter for full Council.

(b) **Financial Implications**

None.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 In accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution it is proposed that the term of office as Leader be aligned to the elected Leader's term of office as a Member.

5.2 The recommendation to full Council is therefore to elect Leader of the Council for a term of four years. There is provision in Article 7 for the Leader's term to be less than this in specific circumstances.

6. **Appendices**

None.

7. **Background Papers**

The Council's constitution.