

Slough Borough Council

Report To:	Annual Council
Date:	14 May 2026
Subject:	Election of the Leader of the Council
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Ward(s):	All
Exempt:	No
Appendices:	None

1. Summary and Recommendations

1.1 To elect the Leader of the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution following the resignation of the current Leader.

Recommendation:

The Council is requested to resolve:

- (a) To elect a Leader of the Council for a one-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 the Councils Constitution.

Commissioner Review

This report is outside the scope for pre-publication commissioner review; please check the [Commissioners' instruction 5 to CLT to sign off papers](#) for further details.

2. Report

2.1 Following the resignation of the current Leader of the Council, Council is required to elect a Leader in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

2.2. Part 4 of the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules), section 1.1 (vii) provides that Council will elect the Leader of the Council. The vote on the election of the Leader will be decided by a simple majority.

3. Implications of the Recommendation

Legal Implications

3.1 The Local Government Act 2000 states that an authority may adopt a leader and cabinet model of governance and if adopted the leader is elected by the authority and between two and nine councillors appointed to cabinet by the leader. The cabinet must not include the mayor or deputy mayor of the authority. An authority adopting this form of governance must make arrangements with respect to the election of the leader, including provision for an election where there is a vacancy in the office of leader.

3.2 The Council's Constitution at Article 7 confirms that Full Council will appoint the Leader of the Council and the Leader will determine the size and membership of the Cabinet and determine portfolios for each lead member. The Leader's term of office will cease if he or she resigns from office and if there is a vacancy, the Leader will be elected at the first meeting of the Council following such a vacancy.

3.3 Part 4 of the Constitution (Council Procedure Rules), section 19.1 provides that a vote on the matter will be decided by a simple majority of those Members voting and present in the room at the time the question is put.

Financial implications

3.4 The Leader of the Council is entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA). The level of the SRA is determined by the Council having regard to recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and the SRA levels approved within the Council's current Members' Allowances Scheme.

3.5 The Leader of the Council will receive an SRA at the level approved by the current scheme.

4. Background Papers

None