

Annual Council Thursday 24th September 2020

Inauguration of Chair and Vice Chair of Council - Procedure

1. The Annual Council 2020 will be a virtual meeting.

Usually the meeting would be in two parts with part 1 covering the inauguration of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council, then following an adjournment part 2 would deal with the remaining items on the AGM agenda. However, as this is a virtual meeting there will be no adjournment.

2. Chair of Council, Councillor Linda Curran, will invite the Civic Chaplain, Reverend David Stevens to say prayers. Councillor Curran will then formally open the meeting.

Agenda Item 2

3. Once Member attendance has been confirmed the Chair of Council, Councillor Linda Curran, will invite nominations for the post of Chair of Council for 2020/2021. Nominations will be seconded and votes taken. In the event of more than one nomination being received, nominations will be voted on in alphabetical order, with a show of hands and the vote will be recorded by Governance Officers.
4. Chair of Council, Councillor Linda Curran, will declare the result. *There will be no transfer of the Chain of Office to the newly elected Chair of Council due to the social distance restrictions placed upon us.* The Chief Executive will invite the new Chair to take the Declaration and sign the register. The Chief Executive will countersign the register.
5. The newly elected Chair of Council's first duty is to ask for nominations for the Vice-Chair of Council. Nominations will be seconded and votes taken. In the event of more than one nomination being received, nominations will be voted on in alphabetical order, with a show of hands and the vote will be recorded by Governance Officers. The result will be declared. *Due to social distancing restrictions there will be no presentation of the badge of office of the Vice Chair.*

Presentations and Vote of Thanks

6. *At this point the Chair of Council would usually present the outgoing Chair of Council with her commemorative badge. Due to the restrictions we are operating under this will be presented to Councillor Curran after the meeting.*
7. The newly elected Chair of Council will address the Council.
8. Members will have the opportunity to give a Vote of Thanks to Councillor Linda Curran, former Chair of Council. Councillor Curran will respond.

The meeting will then move to the remaining items on the AGM.