

General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

20 March 2017

**Nominations for the Offices of Mayor and
Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year**

1. Summary Statement

1.1 The Committee is invited to consider the nomination of persons to the offices of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

1.2 The Council, at its meeting on 8 January 2013, approved the process for the selection of Mayor based on the following criteria:-

- nominees shall be serving members of Sandwell Council who have not previously served as Mayor;
- nominees shall have given notable service to the Borough of Sandwell as a councillor and/or within the local community;
- each nomination shall be submitted by a serving member of the Council supported by five other serving members of the Council, regardless of political party.

1.3 All members of the Council have been invited to submit nominations for the office of Mayor and three valid nominations have been received in respect of:-

Councillor Downing;
Councillor Haque;
Councillor Melia.

1.4 The nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor will be reported at the meeting.

Further details are attached for your information.

2. **Recommendation**

That the Committee make a recommendation to the Council in respect of nominations for the office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

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3. **Strategic Resource Implications**

3.1 The Council makes financial provision annually to enable the functions of the Mayoralty to be undertaken. Staff support is provided by the Mayor's Office.

4. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

4.1 There are no direct legal or statutory implications arising from this report.

4.2 The General Purposes and Arbitration Committee has the responsibility under its terms of reference to make recommendations to the Council on nominations for the Ceremonial Mayor of the Council.

4.3 The role and responsibilities of the Mayor are contained within Article 5 of the Council's Constitution.

5. **Implications for the Council's Scorecard Priorities**

5.1 As the first citizen of Sandwell, the Mayor and his or her Deputy are ambassadors of the Council, thus promoting and thereby contributing to all the Council's Scorecard priorities.