


## General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

19 March 2018

<b>Subject:</b>	Nominations for the Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Sandwell for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year
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### **DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **That the Committee:**

1. 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 2018/2019.

## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 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 2018/2019.
- 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 one valid nomination has been received in respect of Councillor Edis.
- 1.4 The nomination for the office of Deputy Mayor will be reported at the meeting.

## **2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION**

- 2.1 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 of the Council's ambitions.

## **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 GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council is legally required to appoint a ceremonial Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2018/19 municipal year.
- 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.

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