1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek nomination for the position of Leader of the Council for a period of 4 years, subject to the requirements set out within this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Council appoint a Leader of the Council.

3. REPORT

3.1 The Council decided on 9th December 2009 to adopt the Leader and Cabinet Executive model of governance as set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

3.2 Under this arrangement, the Council is required to appoint a Leader for a four year term starting on the day of their election by Full Council and ending on the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as a Councillor, subject to:
   (a) He or she resigning from the office or
   (b) He or she being suspended from being a Councillor under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (although he or she may resume office at the end of the period of suspension) or
   (c) He or she being no longer a Councillor or
   (d) He or she being removed from office by the resolution of Full Council.

3.3 Councillor Colin Lambert was appointed by the Council as Leader of the Council on 15th December 2010, the appointment made as a result of a vacancy arising in the position of Leader of the Council. This appointment remains current, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, up to the day when the Council holds its first annual meeting after the Leader's normal day of retirement as Councillor.
Alternatives considered

None - the appointment of the Leader is a Council function in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Consultation proposed/undertaken

None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None applicable

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The matters contained within this report are consistent with relevant legislative requirements and the Council’s Constitution.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None applicable.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACTS

8.1 Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment

There are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.

8.2 Equality/Community Impact Assessments

There are no significant equality/community issues arising from this report.

There are no background papers to this report