

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject : Mayoral Arrangements for 2020/2021
Committee : Full Council
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1. Report Summary:

1.1. The report explains the background to the mayoral arrangements for 2020/2021.

2. Background:

2.1. On 2 April 2020, the government published The Local Authority and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. These regulations come into force on 4 April 2020.

2.2. Regulation 4 provides that where an appointment would otherwise be made or is required to be made at an annual meeting of a local authority, the appointment continues until the next annual meeting of the authority or until such time as that authority may determine (Regulation 4 (2)).

2.3. This applies to the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Therefore the current Mayor can legally remain in place until an annual meeting is held unless the council decide to elect a new Mayor earlier.

2.4. Having considered the implications of this, the Mayor, Cllr John Walsh and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr C Corbin have graciously agreed, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Group Leaders, that the election of the next Mayor and Deputy Mayor should be postponed until May 2021 as provided for in the regulations. This means that they remain in their current appointments.

2.5. This will allow continuity in the present climate and provide clear civic leadership through the crisis and into recovery.

3. Recommendations:

It is recommended that Full Council:

3.1. Note that the election for next Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be held in May 2021.

3.2. Note that Cllr J Walsh remains as Mayor and Cllr C Corbin remains as Deputy Mayor for 2020/2021.

3.3. Note that no annual meeting of the Council will be held in 2020.

4. Wards Affected: All

5. Background Papers: The Local Authority and Police and Crime Panels
(Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)
(England and Wales) Regulations 2020