

## Resignation of the Leader of the Council and election of a new Leader

- Summary: The Leader of the Council indicated her intention to step down from the office of Leader on 5 January 2022. This report is to note the resignation of the Leader and to consider the election of a new Leader of the Council.
- Options considered: Councils in England may have one of three executive models. North Norfolk District Council has a Strong Leader and Executive model. On the resignation of the Leader, a new Leader will need to be elected for the remainder of the term.
- Conclusions: Following the resignation of the Leader, a new Leader of the Council will need to be elected.
- Recommendations: **(i) That the Council notes and accepts the resignation of the Leader.**  
**(ii) That the Council then proceeds to elect a new Leader**  
**(iii) That the Council notes any appointment by the new Leader of their Deputy and Cabinet, at the meeting, or to be received at such future time when those appointments are made.**
- Reasons for Recommendations: To enable a new Leader to be elected upon the resignation of the current Leader.

Cabinet Member(s)	Ward(s) affected - All
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### 1. Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

The Council's Leader made an announcement at the end of a meeting on 5 January 2022, that it was her intention to stand down from the office of Leader at North Norfolk District Council. Her resignation is expected to have been formally placed in writing to the Chief Executive prior to the meeting of Council. On noting her resignation, the Council will need to consider electing a new Leader, who in turn will need to make arrangements to appoint a deputy and Cabinet.

#### 1.2 The Council's Constitution

The Council's Constitution sets out in Chapter 3, Part 1, Paragraph 3, that the Leader will be a Councillor elected to the position of Leader by the Council. This provision sets out that the Leader will hold office until, *inter alia*, he or she resigns from the office.

- 1.3 On the current Leader's resignation from office, she will need to cancel all her appointments from the executive, and a new Leader will need to be elected.
- 1.4 Under Chapter 3 Part 1 of the Constitution, the Cabinet is appointed by the Leader and will include the Deputy Leader. The Cabinet will comprise between two and ten members, including the Leader and Deputy Leader.

**2. Corporate Plan Objectives**

None specifically relevant

**3. Financial and Resource Implications**

There is no notable resource implication.

**4. Legal Implications**

The Council has a Leader and executive model. On the resignation of the current leader it will need to elect a new Leader in accordance with the requirements of 9C Local Government Act 2000.

**5. Equality and Diversity**

The considerations and recommendations have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act.

**6. Section 17 Crime and Disorder considerations**

Not specifically relevant

**7. Conclusion and Recommendations**

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