

Report to Council

Subject: Appointment of Deputy Mayor

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Purpose

For Council to consider the appointment of a second Deputy Mayor to ensure that the Council continues to be represented at civic engagements.

Recommendation

To appoint Councillor Sandra Barnes as a second Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Gedling with immediate effect for the remainder of the 2018/19 municipal year.

1 Background

1.1 The role of Mayor is an extremely demanding one, which is enjoyable and rewarding but can also be both mentally and physically tiring. The mayor has many duties including:

- Promoting the Council as a whole and acting as a focal point for the community
- Promotion of public involvement in the Council's activities
- Being the conscience of the Council (a reference to the politically impartial nature of the role)
- Attending civic and ceremonial functions
- Promoting and encouraging good citizenship
- Presiding over meetings of the Council, having regard to the rights of councillors and the interests of the community
- Upholding and promoting the Council's constitution, providing

interpretation where necessary.

- 1.2 Due to a period of ill health, Councillor Allan has been unable to attend many civic events as Deputy Mayor for a number of months. In addition to this the Mayor has unfortunately been unable to fulfil evening engagements due to unexpected caring responsibilities. This has led to difficulties in ensuring civic representation at events.

The Deputy Mayor's role is to assist the mayor and represent the Council when the Mayor is unable to.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 Due to these exceptional circumstances It is proposed that Councillor Sandra Barnes is appointed as an additional Deputy Mayor for the remainder of the municipal year to ensure that the council is represented at civic events where both the Mayor and current Deputy Mayor are unable to attend. Councillor Allan will remain in office and attend events where possible. This arrangement is necessary to ensure that Councillor Barnes has the authority of Council to have Mayoral precedence in the Borough when representing the Mayor.

3 Resource Implications

- 3.1 The payment of an additional Deputy Mayor special responsibility allowance for the remaining part of the year will cost £588 and can be accommodated from existing budgets.

4 Appendices

- 4.1 None