

# ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF A MAYOR

<b>Recommendations:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That council note the report, and</li> <li>2. That council provide guidance to officers regarding the desirability of there being a separate Mayor Making event.</li> </ol>		
	Yes	No
Does the decision involve new expenditure?	Yes	
Is there an existing budget for the proposed expenditure (insert code)	N/A	
What procurement level is required?	N/A	
Are there equalities impacts / an equalities assessment required?		No
Does this require a full council decision? (Reports for full council decision should still be sent to the relevant committee where possible.)	Yes	
Is there a background paper or papers? (provide links below).		No
<b>Background</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council has previously followed the routine adopted by Berwick Borough Council of subordinating the legal niceties surrounding the election of a Mayor to the socially desirable practice of making the Mayor Making a public event.</li> <li>2. There is no longer good reason why this should be the case.</li> <li>3. The Local Government Act 1972 S.15(2) makes clear that the election of the Mayor (or chairman) must be the first item of business at the meeting. It has become clearer over time that the usual items at the beginning of a meeting (such as the receipt of apologies for absence) are part of the business of the meeting, and therefore must be preceded by the election of the Mayor.</li> <li>4. Should Council wish to enjoy a separate Mayor Making event, this will be done without the theatrical elements, at the Annual General Meeting, of adjournment and the disrobing and re-robing of the Mayor.</li> <li>5. Since the question has been raised by other members, it should be made clear that there is no obstacle in law to the re-nomination for office of either the Mayor or Deputy Mayor.</li> </ol>		
<b>Issues arising from proposal</b>		
Not applicable.		
<b>Rationale for recommendation.</b>		
Not applicable.		