

North East Derbyshire District Council

Annual Council

19 May 2025

ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To appoint the Vice Chair of the Council.

DECISION ROUTE AND REASON FOR DECISION BEING BROUGHT TO COUNCIL –

- The decision is a Council decision and only the Council can determine the matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a Vice Chair of the Council be appointed.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 ☐ Capital - £310,000 ☐ ☒ <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
Stage 1 screening undertaken Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2	Not applicable given the subject of the report.
Stage 2 full assessment undertaken Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report	No, not applicable
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader ☐ Cabinet ☐ SMT ☐ Relevant Service Manager ☐ Members ☒ Public ☐ Other ☐	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities;
• A great place that cares for the environment • A great place to live well • A great place to work • A great place to access good public services

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

1.1 Annual Council is asked to elect a Councillor to be the Vice Chair of the Council for the 2025-26 Municipal Year. Nominations to the post will be taken at the meeting.

1.2 Under the Council's Constitution the Chair of the Council and the Vice Chair will be elected annually by the Council Meeting. The functions of the Vice Chair are in the absence of the Chair:-

- (i) To uphold and promote the purposes of the Constitution;
- (ii) To decide what the Constitution means if there is a dispute;
- (iii) To chair Council Meetings so that decisions can be taken efficiently, with regard to the rights of Councillors and the interests of the community;
- (iv) To make sure that Council Meetings are a place for debating matters of concern to the local community and the place at which members who are not on the Cabinet are able to hold the Cabinet to account;
- (v) To promote public involvement in the Council's activities and in the democratic process;
- (vi) To attend those civic and ceremonial functions which they or the Council consider appropriate; and
- (vii) To approve as urgent decisions, which will not be subject to Call In, when the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee is unavailable.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 The Majority Group has nominated Councillor Graham Baxter to serve as Vice Chair of the Council for the 2025-26 Municipal Year.

3 **Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 To elect a Vice Chair of the Council.

4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 None.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	