

Election of Chairman of Area West Committee

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Purpose of the Report

To agree to elect a new Chairman of Area West Committee with effect from 1st September 2018 for the remainder of the Council year.

Public Interest

On 10th July 2018, Councillor Ric Pallister submitted his resignation to Full Council as Leader of South Somerset District Council with effect from 31st August 2018. Subsequently, at the Council meeting on 19th July, Members formally elected Councillor Val Keitch to be the new Leader of Council from 1st September 2018. When Councillor Keitch takes up her new position, it will leave a vacancy for the position of Chairman of the Area West Committee.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members elect a new Chairman of the Area West Committee to take effect from 1st September 2018 for the remainder of the Council year.

Report

The Local Government Act 2000 (Part II) and the Council's Constitution require the Council to appoint a Leader of the Council at the start of each Council term. The appointment is normally for the whole of the Council term but the Constitution sets out the circumstances in which the appointment may end.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, Councillor Pallister gave notice that he would be stepping down as Leader of the Council with effect from 31st August 2018. At the Council meeting on 19th July, Councillor Val Keitch was elected as the new Leader of Council from 1st September 2018. This creates a vacancy for the position of Chairman of Area West Committee from 1st September 2018, which the Committee is being asked to fill at this meeting.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications in taking this decision as there will still be the same number of District Councillors and Portfolio Holders. The allowance associated with this appointment can be funded from the existing councillors' allowances budget.

Carbon Emissions Climate Change Implications

There are no specific environmental implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

Equalities and Diversity Impact

There are no specific equality or diversity implications arising from the subject matter of this report.

Background Papers

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

District Executive Agenda and Minutes of meetings held on 2nd September & 2nd December 2010

Council Agenda and Minutes of meetings held on 16th September & 9th December 2010 & 19th May 2011

Council Agenda and Minutes of meetings held on 21st May 2015 and 19th July 2018.