



REPORT of CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**to
ANNUAL COUNCIL
10 MAY 2018**

LEADERS AND COMPOSITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS

1. As required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Chief Executive has been notified that the compositions of the political Groups on the Council are as follows:-

Conservative	27 Members	Leader: Councillor M F L Durham CC
Independent	3 Members	Leader of the Opposition Group: Councillor B S Beale MBE

In addition, there is a single Member who although not part of a political Group constitutes the political make-up of the Council:

- Councillor Mrs B E Acevedo (Independent (non-aligned)),

In accordance with the Council's Political Parties and Associated Arrangements, Councillor M F L Durham is therefore recognised as Leader-designate.

2. Council is now asked:
- (i) to consider the ratification of the Leader-designate as Leader of the Council;
 - (ii) in the event that the Council does not confirm the Leader-designate, to elect the Leader of the Council.
3. To elect the Deputy Leader of the Council.