

# EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL



Report subject	<b>Appointment of Leader of the Council</b>
Meeting date	23 July 2024 (Extraordinary Meeting of Council)
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	Following the resignation of Councillor V Slade as Leader of BCP Council, an Extraordinary Meeting of Council is invited to appoint a new Leader of BCP Council. It should be noted that Councillor V Slade will continue to be a BCP Councillor for the Broadstone Ward.
Recommendations	<p><b>It is RECOMMENDED that:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a) Council notes Councillor V Slade's resignation as Leader of BCP Council following her election as the Member of Parliament for Mid Dorset and North Poole.</b></li><li><b>b) Council is invited to appoint a Leader of BCP Council.</b></li><li><b>c) Council notes that once appointed, the Leader of BCP Council will appoint up to 9 Cabinet Members and notify the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer of the appointments and the allocation of responsibilities.</b></li><li><b>d) Council notes that once appointed the Leader of BCP Council will appoint a Deputy Leader from among the Cabinet Members.</b></li><li><b>e) Upon receipt of the Cabinet Member appointments and allocation of responsibilities, the Monitoring Officer will take steps to ensure the Council's Constitution is updated.</b></li></ul>
Reason for recommendations	The recommendations are in accordance with the provisions contained within the Council's Constitution.

Portfolio Holder(s):	Not applicable
Corporate Director	Graham Farrant, Chief Executive
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Wards	Not applicable
Classification	For decision

## Background

1. On 5 July 2024, Councillor V Slade, Leader of BCP Council was elected as the Member of Parliament for Mid Dorset and North Poole.
2. On 14 July 2024, Councillor V Slade submitted her resignation as Leader of BCP Council but has advised that she will remain a Ward Councillor for Broadstone.

## Options Appraisal

3. Councillor V Slade could have remained as Leader of BCP Council and served as a Member of Parliament but has chosen not to undertake both roles.

## Summary of financial implications

4. Following her resignation as Leader of BCP Council, Councillor V Slade will continue to receive her members allowance as a ward councillor.
5. The Leader of BCP Council attracts a Special Responsibility Allowance.

## Summary of legal implications

6. BCP Council operates an executive model of leadership established by the Local Government Act 2000. In accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the election of Leader is a four-year appointment unless (amongst other prescribed reasons) the leader resigns from this position.
7. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the appointment of Leader of BCP Council is reserved to an extraordinary meeting of Council.

## Summary of human resources implications

8. Not applicable to this report

## Summary of sustainability impact

9. Not applicable to this report

## Summary of public health implications

10. Not applicable to this report

## Summary of equality implications

11. Not applicable to this report

**Summary of risk assessment**

12. Not applicable to this report

**Background papers**

BCP Council Constitution

**Appendices**

None