

<b>24 May 2017</b>		<b>ITEM: 12</b>
<b>Annual Council</b>		
<b>Schedule of Elections and Order of Retirement of Councillors</b>		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> Not Applicable	
<b>Report of:</b> Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive		
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> David Lawson, Deputy Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive		
<b>This report is public.</b>		

### **Executive Summary**

This report informs Council of the schedule of elections to be held between 2018 and 2021 and also sets out the order of retirement of Councillors.

#### **1. Recommendation(s)**

**1.1 That the schedule of elections from 2018 to 2021 and order of retirement of Councillors be noted.**

#### **2. Introduction and Background**

2.1 This report advises Council of the schedule of elections from 2018 to 2021, in accordance with Schedule 2 of the Borough of Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

2.2 In accordance with the Order, approximately one-third of the seats on the Council come up for election each year, with a break in the fourth year of the cycle when no elections are held.

#### **3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options**

3.1 This report complies with the Borough of Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

3.2 There is currently a consultation underway which could revise this schedule into four yearly elections. If this occurs a report will be brought to council

outlining the changes and implications of such a change to the retirement of councillors.

3.3 The order of retirement of Councillors is set out in **Appendix 1** to this report.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendation**

4.1 The Council are requested to note the schedule of elections and the order of retirement of councillors.

#### **5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

5.1 No consultation has been undertaken in respect of this report.

#### **6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact**

6.1 The production of a schedule of elections to 2020, together with the order of retirement of Councillors, underscores the Council's commitment to both good governance and timely communication of the requirements of the Borough of Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2002.

#### **7. Implications**

##### **7.1 Financial**

Implications verified by: **Laura Last**  
**Management Accountant**

The cost of administering election by thirds is built into the current budget. Any changes to this arrangement in future would require a re-profiling of budgets and would be set out in specific reports.

##### **7.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**  
**Monitoring Officer and Deputy Head of Legal**

The report complies with the requirements of the Borough of Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2002. There are no direct legal implications.

##### **7.3 Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**  
**Community Development and Equalities Manager**

There are no direct diversity implications arising from this report.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None.

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- The Borough of Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2002. This is available online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/2234/contents/made>

9. **Appendices to the report**

- **Appendix 1** – Order of retirement of Councillors

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