

26 May 2021		ITEM: 13
Annual Council		
Schedule of Elections and Order of Retirement of Councillors		
Wards and communities affected: None	Key Decision: Not Applicable	
Report of: Lyn Carpenter, Chief Executive		
Accountable Assistant Director: Ian Hunt, Assistant Director of Law & Governance and Monitoring Officer		
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Executive Summary

This report informs Council of the schedule of elections to be held between 2022 and 2025 and also sets out the order of retirement of Councillors.

1. Recommendation(s)

1.1 That the Schedule of Elections from 2022 to 2025 and Order of Retirement of Councillors be noted.

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 This report advises Council of the schedule of elections from 2022 to 2025, 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. Following the postponement of the ordinary elections in 2020, and the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020, those Councillors elected at the ordinary elections in 2021 will serve until 2024 (a term of three years) so as to realign the schedule of elections in future years.

3.2 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 2025, 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: **Dammy Adewole**
Senior Management Accountant – Central Services

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: **Ian Hunt**
Assistant Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

The report complies with the requirements of the Borough of Thurrock (Electoral Changes) Order 2002 and the Coronavirus Act 2020. There are no direct legal implications.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Roxanne Scanlon**
Community Engagement and Project Monitoring Officer

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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