

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing municipal year.

1	Chairman for the preceding municipal year remains Chairman at the start of the meeting, even if no longer a sitting councillor, unless they resign the office. <i>Note: If the Chairman is standing again, they cannot preside over their own election.</i>
2	Nominations for Chairman for the ensuing municipal year should be called for by the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman).
3	The Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) will call for votes on the nominees. <i>Note: If two or more people are nominated and there is not a clear majority of votes in favour of one person, then the name of the person with the least number of votes will be taken off the list and a new vote taken. The process will continue until there is a majority of votes for one person.</i>
4	Upon the election of a Chairman of the Council the following procedure will be followed: (a) The Chairman will sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office [within two months from the day of the election – see section 83 Local Government Act 1972] (b) The Chairman will address the Council (c) The Chairman will put on the chains of office (d) The Retiring Chairman [if applicable] will be presented with the past Chairman's badge (e) The Retiring Chairman [if applicable] will address the Council