

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

22 November 2018

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN

Introduction

- (1) The Town Forum is administered by a Management Committee of 'three officers' elected at the AGM, together with the chairs of the working groups. The 'three officers' are the Chairman and two Deputy Chairmen.
- (2) This report sets out the current situation regarding nominations for the election of the Chairman and the two Deputy Chairmen at the Annual General Meeting.

Management Committee

- (3) The Town Forum's Constitution specifies the following regarding the annual election of its Management Committee (section 5):

Three officers elected at the AGM:

- the Chair, who must be a named representative of a member organisation; and
- two Deputy Chairs, at least one of whom must be a named representative from a member organisation.

Nominations submitted

- (4) At the specified deadline for the submission of nominations 21 November, the following nominations had been submitted:

Chairman – Adrian Berendt (Tunbridge Wells Bicycle User Group) – if successful, this election as Chairman would be for a third term of office. The Town Forum's Constitution says that: "The Chair and both Deputy Chairs shall be elected annually and will only be eligible to serve a maximum of two terms in any one office unless a majority of eligible voting Forum members agree to allow a further term of office." Thus a third term of office is permissible, subject to the agreement of the majority of persons voting at the AGM.

- (5) No other eligible nominations have been received prior to the meeting.
- (6) As required by the Constitution, each nominee is required to provide a supporting statement, setting out what they hope to achieve during their period of office. Any statements received will be circulated separately.

Voting eligibility

- (7) The Constitution states that at least one third of nominated representatives who satisfy the voting entitlement requirements must be present for the AGM to take place and for the officers therefore to be elected.
- (8) 34 out of the 45 active organisations within the Town Forum have met the necessary attendance requirements (i.e. have attended at least 50% of Town Forum meetings across the year) and their representatives will be entitled to vote.

- (9) 11 TWBC ward members have also achieved the minimum meeting attendance requirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS – to be confirmed at the meeting

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