

<b>11 June 2014</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> Non-key	
<b>Report of:</b> Graham Farrant, Chief Executive		
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Fiona Taylor, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Graham Farrant, Chief Executive		
<b>This report is public</b>		

## **Executive Summary**

This report informs Council of the schedule of elections to be held between 2015 and 2018 and also sets out the order of retirement of Councillors.

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

**1.1 That the schedule of elections from 2015 to 2018 and order of retirement of Councillors be noted.**

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

2.1 This report advises Council of the schedule of elections from 2015 to 2018, 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 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 2018, 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: **Sean Clark**  
**Head of Corporate Finance**

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

##### **7.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**  
**Deputy Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

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 diversity implications noted in 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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