

Section of Article 5 (5.02 and 5.03) of the Constitution (Chairing the Council)

“5.02 Election of Chairman of the Council

The individual elected to the office of Chairman of Epping Forest District Council shall be elected on merit by the Council at its Annual meeting.

5.03 Appointment of Vice Chairman of Council

The appointment of the Vice Chairman of the Council shall be undertaken by the Council on the basis of merit in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) nominees for the office of Vice-Chairman of the Council are required to submit a nomination form supported and signed by no fewer than 15 serving District Councillors on the date when the Appointments Panel holds its first meeting in any municipal year;
- (b) nominees for Vice Chairman of the Council may be a Councillor from any political group on the Council or any independent or unaffiliated Councillor;
- (c) the nomination of candidates for the position of Vice-Chairman and the expression of support for any nomination may be notified to the co-ordinating member by electronic mail;
- (d) all nominations shall be considered by the Appointments Panel for onward recommendation to the Annual Council meeting;
- (e) it is expected that the person appointed by the Council as Vice Chairman of the Council shall normally be elected as the Chairman of the Council for the following Council year;
- (f) If for any reason, a Vice Chairman is unable to be elected as Chairman of the Council following their year as Vice Chairman, the procedure outlined in (a) to (c) above shall also apply to the election of a new Chairman;
- (g) the Council may suspend the operation of the appointment process set out above at an Annual Council meeting. A motion to that effect and giving reasons as to why this would be in the best interests of the Council may only be adopted if the equivalent of 65% of Council members present at the meeting vote in favour”.