

## Report No.3

### Policy & Resources Committee 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To enquire into the feasibility and practicality of separating the mayoral function of acting as the Chair for the town council from the mayoral civic and ceremonial roles.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Historically the mayor has always undertaken all three functions which in recent years have become more onerous.
- 2.2 From a practical aspect it has on occasion been difficult to find someone willing to undertake the role of mayor who has the proven ability to act as an effective chair person for the town council.
- 2.3 It is suggested that this has not allowed the Council to function as well as it could.
- 2.4 Moreover it is suggested that to expect any one individual to have the aptitude and time to be able undertake all three functions competently and with enthusiasm is unreasonable.

#### 3. Proposal(s)

- 3.1 The town clerk to identify the benefits, disadvantages, and practicality of removing the role of acting as the Chair for the town council from the mayoral duties, and to brief P&R Committee on his findings accordingly.
- 3.2 Subject to committee approval the task to be completed within three months.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.

#### 5. Risks

- 5.1 None.

#### 6. Recommendation(s)

- 6.1 Committee is invited to endorse the proposal set out at Paragraph three.

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