

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	20 JULY 2020	9

APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Members are invited to appoint a leader and deputy leader of the council in accordance with the council's constitution.

RECOMMENDATION

- To appoint a leader and deputy leader of the council to hold office until the next council elections.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

A leader and deputy leader were last appointed by full council on 22 May 2019.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	√
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	√

REPORT

- After several years' service, Councillor Sue Fazackerley stood down from the leadership of the council in April this year. Councillor Karen Buckley, as deputy leader, has been acting leader since Councillor Fazackerley's resignation.
- The council's constitution requires that in the event of a casual vacancy in the office of Leader, the Council shall fill the vacancy as soon as reasonably practicable and the person elected shall hold office until after the next council elections¹. The council may also appoint a deputy leader.

¹ The term of office of the leader also ends if they resign, cease to be a councillor, or are removed by resolution of the council.

3. Members are therefore invited to appoint a leader and deputy leader. It is understood that the majority Conservative group will propose that Councillor Buckley be appointed as leader of the council and Councillor Roger Small be appointed as deputy leader.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None arising from the report.
Legal	None arising from the report.
Community Safety	None arising from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Constitution	2019	Constitution