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To: **Council of Governors**

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Subject: **Election for the Deputy Lead Governor of the Council of Governors**

1.0   Purpose of the Report

To brief the Council regarding the outcome of the election process of the Deputy Lead Governor (Assistant Deputy Chair) of the Council of Governors.

The term of office, as with all Council appointments, is to the end of the office holder's current term as Governor.

Deputy Lead Governor Keith Williams' current term ended on 31 October 2021 as due to personal reasons as previously advised to the Council he has decided not to stand for re-election as a Governor at this time.

2.0   Election Process

Details of the Deputy Lead Governor role (see Appendix 1) were circulated to all Governors together with the elections timetable.

Two Governors (Jamu Patel, Suzana Stefanic) self-nominated for the Deputy Lead Governor role by submitting the relevant Nomination Form to the Governors and Members Office by the stated date.

In line with the agreed process, a list of nominees was circulated to both candidates to provide the opportunity of withdrawing their nomination within 24 hours of receipt.

A list of final nominees together with their nomination statement and ballot paper was circulated by the Governors and Members Office to all Governors for consideration and voting.

A virtual Q&A session with candidates was held on 14 October. Ten Governors attended, in addition to the candidates who each separately had 30 minutes to present and respond to the same questions.

21 Governors participated in the online/electronic vote and the result was as follows:

Jamu Patel   17 Votes
Suzana Stefanic   4 votes

As a result, Jamu Patel is duly appointed as Deputy Lead Governor for the remainder of her current term to 31 October 2023.

3.0   Action being requested

The Council is requested to:
- **RECEIVE** and **NOTE** the contents of the report
- **RATIFY** Jamu Patel as the Deputy Lead Governor with effect from 23 October 2021 to 31 October 2023.