

LORD MAYORALTY 2011/2012**Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to ask the Executive to consider which of the political groups should be invited to appoint the Lord Mayor for the municipal year 2011/2012.

Background

2. Members will be aware that the system for nominating the Lord Mayor is based on an accumulation of points determined by the number of seats held by each particular group on the Council. The party having the largest cumulative total of points on Lord Mayor's Day each year is invited to nominate the Lord Mayor for the following year. A party loses 47 points when nominating the Lord Mayor. It should be noted that a nominee for Lord Mayor requires at least five years' service as a Councillor. Service on the former District or County Councils also count towards the five years.
3. Members previously agreed an amendment to the 1996 policy to allow a party which loses all its seats on the City Council to have any accumulated points frozen until seats are once again gained by that party on the council.
4. Under this current scheme the points system is as follows :

PARTY	POINTS FOR 2010/2011	LOSS FOR LM	POINTS FOR 2011/2012
Labour	25		25 + 18 = 43
Lib Dem	46	-47	46 - 47 + 20 = 19
Green	14		14 + 2 = 16
Conservatives	-4		-4 + 7 = 3

- 5 The above table shows that the Labour group with a total of 43 points qualify for the Lord Mayoralty in 2011/2012.
- 6 In May 2011, there will be district elections in York and clearly any nominee for the position of Lord Mayor in the ensuing Municipal Year is dependent upon that person being returned as a councillor. In the event of the nominee (Lord Mayor Elect), not being returned to Council after the May elections, naturally Council would need to agree alternative arrangements.
- 7 Traditionally, the Outgoing Lord Mayor assumes the mantle of Deputy Lord Mayor the following year. Again, if the outgoing Lord Mayor is not returned as a Councillor following the district elections in May next year, then the last Lord Mayor re-elected as a Councillor would become Deputy Lord Mayor.

Consultation

- 8 A draft of this report has been circulated to the political groups for their information.

Options

- 9 **Option 1**

To invite the Labour group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2011/2012.

- Option 2**

To revisit the procedure for nominations.

Analysis

- 10 **Option 1** is in accordance with the agreed procedure.

Option 2 would require implementation of a new process which would represent a change in the Council's agreed procedure.

Corporate Priorities

- 11 The appointment of the Lord Mayor forms part of the Council's civic leadership and assists in the improvement of leadership at all levels to provide clear, consistent direction to the organisation.

12 **Implications**

- 1 **Financial** – None
- 2 **Human Resources (HR)** – None
- 3 **Equalities** – None
- 4 **Legal** – The function of selecting the Lord Mayor is a function of full council as is the agreement of any change to the system of selecting which Group will make the nomination in any particular year.
- 5 **Crime and Disorder** – None
- 6 **Information Technology (IT)** – None
- 7 **Property** – None
- 8 **Other** – None

Risk Management

- 13 Failure to properly appoint a Lord Mayor would have a significant impact on the Council's reputation in terms of undertaking its important civic functions.

Recommendations

14. Members are asked to invite the Labour group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2011/2012 and to note the electoral circumstances set out in the report potentially relating to the nominees for Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, during a district election year.

Reason: To ensure that the Council secures the necessary leadership to undertake its civic functions and provides continuity for future selection

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None

All

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Background Papers:

None

Annexes

None