

	
Cabinet	4 December 2012
Report of the Cabinet Leader	

LORD MAYORALTY 2013/14

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to ask the Cabinet to consider the points system for the annual nomination of the Lord Mayor for City of York Council and confirm that the Group with the most points under that system should be invited to appoint the Lord Mayor for the coming municipal year, 2013/2014.

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 City of York Councillor.
3. Under the system, a party which loses all its seats on the City Council may have any accumulated points frozen until seats are once again gained by that party on the council.

4. Under the current points system, the number of points accumulated by each party is as follows:

PARTY	POINTS FOR 2012/2013	LOSS FOR LM	POINTS FOR 2013/2014
Labour	22		$22+25 = 47$
Lib Dem	27	-47	$27-47+8 = -12$
Green	18		$18+2 = 20$
Conservatives	13		$13+10 = 23$
Councillor Warters	1		$1 + 1 = 2$
Councillor Jeffries	0		1

- 5 The above table shows that the Labour group with a total of 47 points will qualify for the Lord Mayoralty in 2013/2014.

Consultation

6. The political groups are aware that this is the process usually applied to select the mayoralty for the year ahead. Beyond this, there is no specific need for consultation.

Options

7. Option 1

To invite the Labour group to nominate the Lord Mayor for the municipal year 2013/2014.

Option 2

To review the points system current adopted for nominations

Analysis

8. **Option 1** is in accordance with the agreed procedure.

Option 2 would require development and consideration by Members of a new process, with subsequent approval by Council as a change to its previously agreed procedure.

Council Plan 2011-2015

9. The appointment of the Lord Mayor forms part of the Council's civic leadership and assists in the improvement of leadership at all levels, which contributes to one of the Plan's core capabilities in providing a confident and collaborative organisation.

Implications

7. There are no specific direct implications in relation to financial, human resource, legal or equalities implications arising from the recommendations in this report, which is concerned with the process for and invitation to nominate for the appointment of a Lord Mayor.

Risk Management

8. Failure to appoint a Lord Mayor in the second most traditional city outside of London could have a significant impact on the Council's reputation in terms of maintaining its civic heritage. It is important that an equitable and robust system is applied to the nomination process.

Recommendations

9. Members are asked to invite the Labour group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2013/2014, in line with the existing accumulated points system.

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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Background Papers/Annexes:

None