

## **LORD MAYORALTY 2007/2008**

### **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 2007/2008.

### **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 will count towards the five years.
3. Under this scheme the points system is now as follows :

<b>PARTY</b>	<b>POINTS FOR 2006/2007</b>	<b>LOSS FOR LM</b>	<b>POINTS FOR 2007/2008</b>
Labour	3		3 + 15 = 18
Lib Dem	5		5 + 29 = 34
Green	6		6 + 2 = 8
Independent	15	- 47	15 - 47 + 1 = -32

4. The above table shows that the Liberal Democrat group with a total of 34 points qualify for the Lord Mayoralty in 2007/2008.

### **Consultation**

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

## **Options**

### **6. Option 1**

To invite the Liberal Democrat group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2007/2008.

### **Option 2**

To re-visit the procedure for nominations.

## **Analysis**

7. 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**

8. 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.

### **9. Implications**

- **Financial** – None
- **Human Resources (HR)** – None
- **Equalities** – None
- **Legal** – None
- **Crime and Disorder** – None
- **Information Technology (IT)** – None
- **Property** – None
- **Other** – None

## **Risk Management**

10. 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

11. That the Liberal Democrat group be asked to provide full Council with a nomination for the Lord Mayor for the year 2007/2008.

Reason: To ensure that the Council provides the necessary leadership to undertake its civic functions.

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## Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None

Wards Affected:

All



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## Background Papers:

None

## Annexes

None