
MEETING	EXECUTIVE
DATE	4 DECEMBER 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS STEVE GALLOWAY (CHAIR), ASPDEN, SUE GALLOWAY, JAMIESON-BALL, RUNCIMAN, SUNDERLAND, VASSIE AND WALLER
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR REID

PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

119. LORD MAYORALTY 2008/09 [RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL]

[See also under Part A Minutes]

Members considered a report which asked them to decide which of the political groups should be invited to nominate the Lord Mayor for the 2008/09 Municipal Year and proposed an amendment to the current nomination policy.

The system for nominating the Lord Mayor was based on an accumulation of points determined by the number of seats held by each political group on the Council. It was proposed to amend the current policy, agreed by Members on 5 January 1996, to permit a group which lost all its seats on the Council to hold over any unspent points it had accumulated up to that time until it once again gained seats on the Council.

The report set out the number of points which would be accumulated by each group under the existing and revised policies. In each case the Labour Group, with a total of 36 points, would qualify to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2008/09. However, the Conservative Group would only qualify for points under a revised policy Members were asked to decide whether they wished to amend the policy (Option 1) or to make no amendments (Option 2).

Members noted that the points totals recorded in the report were incorrect. Under the proposed scheme the correct calculation would be as follows:

PARTY	POINTS FOR 2007/2008	LOSS FOR LM	POINTS FOR 2008/2009
Labour	18		18 + 18 = 36
Lib Dem	34	-47	34 - 47 + 19 = 6
Green	8		8 + 2 = 10
Conservatives	21 points carried forward from 2003		21 + 8 = 29

Having noted the comments of the Shadow Executive, it was

RECOMMENDED That Option 1 be approved and the current policy amended to clarify that a group which loses all its seats on the City Council will have any accumulated points frozen until seats are once again won by that group on the Council.

REASON: In order to formalise an assumption that was made, but not fully recorded, when the points system was originally introduced.

S F Galloway, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.40 pm].