

	
<b>Cabinet</b>	6 December 2011
Report of the Cabinet Leader	

## LORD MAYORALTY 2012/13

### Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to ask the Cabinet to consider which of the political groups should be invited to appoint the Lord Mayor for the municipal year 2012/2013.

### 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 2011/2012	LOSS FOR LM	POINTS FOR 2012/2013
Labour	43	-47	43-47+26 = 22
Lib Dem	19		19+8 = 27

Green	16		16+2 = 18
Conservatives	3		3+10 = 13
Councillor Warters	0		1

- 5 The above table shows that the Liberal Democrat group with a total of 27 points qualify for the Lord Mayoralty in 2012/2013.

### Consultation

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

### Options

#### 7. Option 1

To invite the Liberal Democrat group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2012/2013.

#### Option 2

To revisit the procedure for nominations

### Analysis

8. **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

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 to provide clear, consistent direction to the organisation.

## Implications

7. The report must demonstrate that all relevant implications of the proposals have been considered. **All** the following sub-headings should be included. Where a sub-heading is not relevant, this should be indicated by a brief sentence under the title; e.g. “There are no legal implications”. Report authors are advised to contact the relevant Head of Department at an early stage if their report is likely to have significant implications under any of these sub-headings for more advice and information.

(a)**Financial** – there are no financial implications

(b)**Human Resources (HR)** – there are no HR implications

(c)**Equalities** - there are no equalities implications

(d)**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

(e)**Crime and Disorder** - there are no crime and disorder implications

(f) **Information Technology (IT)** – there are no IT implications

(g)**Property** – there are no property implications

(h)**Other** – there are no other implications

## Risk Management

8. 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

9. Members are asked to invite the Liberal Democrat group to nominate the Lord Mayor for 2012/2013.

**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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