

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit & Regulatory Committee

25 October 2018

TITLE:	Appointment of Mayor 2019/20
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Ashton – Leader of the Council
CONTACT OFFICER:	Linden Vernon – Senior Officer Governance and Member Support
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

Appendices Attached – None

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To consider the selection of the Mayor for the municipal year 2019/20.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That at its meeting on 12 December 2018 Council confirm that the Labour Group be invited to make a nomination for the appointment of Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2019/20.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Mayor is selected according to a points system as referred to in Article 5 of the Constitution and detailed in the Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor.
- 3.2 The system started with the actual number of members in each political group. Since 1980, annual adjustments have been made according to changes in each group's strength. Taking into account the current points position the Labour Group have the most points as at 1 October 2018.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 There are no options to consider. Nomination of the Mayor is in accordance with the points system as referred to in the report.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

[Article 5 of the Constitution and Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor](#)

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6. Detail

- 6.1 The Mayor is selected according to a points system as referred to in Article 5 of the Constitution and detailed in the Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor.
- 6.2 The basic principle is the political group with most points at 1 October each year, has the opportunity to nominate the Mayor for the next municipal year.
- 6.3 The system started with the actual number of members in each political group. Since 1980, annual adjustments have been made according to changes in each group's strength.
- 6.4 Whenever a group nominate a Mayor, ten points are deducted from their points total and this shows up the following October.
- 6.5 The points system for the selection of the Mayor currently stands as follows:

Group	Points as at 1.10.17	Mayor for 2018/19	Points as at 1.10.18
Conservative	15	X	15-10=5
Labour	14		14
Liberal Democrat & Independent Alliance	11		11

- 6.6 In respect of the Deputy Mayor, the points system does not apply.
- 6.7 In some years, the Deputy Mayor has been chosen with a view to progressing to Mayor the following year, but this is not always the case.