

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Audit & Regulatory Committee

30 September 2021

TITLE:	Nomination for Mayor 2022/23
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Anthony McKeown - Council Leader
CONTACT OFFICER:	Linden Vernon - Head of Democratic Services
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To consider the selection of the Mayor for the municipal year 2022/23.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That at its meeting on 14 December 2021 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 2022/23.

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 2021.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Not applicable

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 Nomination of the Mayor is made 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 In 2019 the Labour Group, despite having the highest number of points, did not exercise the selection of Mayor from within its own membership for 2020/21. The Protocol for the Nomination of Mayor states that where this is the case the option will pass to the group with the next highest number of points. Due to the pandemic the Mayor for 2019/20 remained in place for 2020/21 and the Conservative nomination was carried forward for 2021/22.
- 6.5 Whenever a group nominate a Mayor, ten points are deducted from their points total and this shows up the following October.
- 6.6 The points system for the selection of the Mayor currently stands as follows:

Group	Points as at 1.10.20	Mayor for 2021/22	Points as at 1.10.21
Conservative	21	X	21-10=11
Labour	26		26
Liberal Democrat	14		14
Green	2		2

- 6.7 In respect of the Deputy Mayor, the points system does not apply.