

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Audit & Regulatory Committee

8 February 2023

TITLE:	Nomination of Mayor for 2023/24
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 2023/24.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That at its meeting on 21 February 2023 Council confirm that the Liberal Democrat Group be invited to make a nomination for the appointment of Mayor of the Borough and Chairman of the Council for the municipal year 2023/24.

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 Liberal Democrat Group had the most points as at 1 October 2022.

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. The results from the elections in May will affect the results from the following October onwards.
- 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. This report takes into account the result of the Cote Heath by-election on 7 April 2022 and the vacant seats in the Whaley Bridge ward.
- 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 1.10.21	Mayor for 2022/23	Points as at 1.10.22
Conservative	11		11+1=12
Labour	26	X	26-10-3=13
Liberal Democrat	14		14
Green	2		2

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