

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit & Regulatory Committee

29th September 2016

TITLE:	Appointment of Mayor 2017/18
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 2017/18.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That at its meeting on 15th December 2016 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 2017/18.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 The Mayor is selected according to a points system as referred to in Article 5 of the Constitution. The points system has been in place since 1980.

3.2 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.

3.3 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.

3.4 Whenever a group nominate a Mayor, ten points are deducted from their

points total and this shows up the following October.

4. Options and Analysis

4.1 The points allocated to the political groups have been adjusted following the elections held in May this year.

4.2 The points system for the selection of the Mayor currently stands as follows:

Group	Points as at 1.10.15	Mayor for 2016/17	Points as at 1.10.16
Conservative	12 -10 + 23 = 25	X	25 -10 = 15
Labour	7 + 17 = 24		24
Liberal Democrat & Independent Alliance	8 + 3 = 11		11

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

4.4 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.

5. Implications

5.1 Community Safety - (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

None

5.2 Workforce

None

5.3 Equality and Diversity/Equality Impact Assessment

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Diversity and Equality Policies.

5.4 Financial Considerations

There is budget provision in 2016/17 for an allowance of £6,680 for the Mayor and £1,270 for the Deputy Mayor.

5.5 Legal

None other than those referred to in the report.

5.6 Sustainability

None

5.7 Internal and External Consultation

None

5.8 Risk Assessment

None

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

N/A

Location

N/A

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