

MAYORAL SELECTION

Eligibility and nominations made by the political groups in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Council on 26 October 1988.

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- (i) That in order to provide broad proportionality over a period of time, the persons to be elected Mayor and appointed Deputy Mayor respectively shall, with immediate effect, be selected each year on the nomination of the political group holding the most "credited seats" in accordance with the scheme and subject to the rules which follow:
- (ii) "Credited seats" shall mean in Year I of the scheme the actual seats held on 1 January 1987.
- (iii) In each year thereafter "credited seats" shall be calculated subject to (iv) below, on a running basis by adding the number of seats currently held and the running total carried forward from the previous year.
- (iv) A running total shall be carried forward from a year in which a group has acquired the right to make nominations, and does so, subject to a deduction of 58.
- (v) Should a selecting group be unable or unwilling to select from its ranks, it may pass the right (and the deduction of 57) to any other group.
- (vi) A group foregoing its right shall be entitled to forward its "credited seat" balance to future years.
- (vii) A group exercising its right of nominations does not necessarily have to nominate from within its own ranks.
- (viii) Any nominee for Mayor or Deputy Mayor must previously have expressed his/her willingness to accept the office and preferably be a person who will have served at the time of election/appointment for at least five years as a Member of the Council and, if up for re-election, between selection and election/appointment, must be duly re-elected. Provided that, in circumstances where Mayoral candidates are not available other than from Councillors in their first term of office, the Council will have no objection in principle to electing a First term Councillor as Mayor or Deputy Mayor.
- (ix) The Head of Paid Service will arrange for discussions with Group Leaders to establish the appropriate nominees at the beginning of each calendar year, so that names can be reported informally to Members in February/March and announcements of intention can be made in order to assist nominees with the planning of their personal arrangements.
- (x) All groups should support at the Annual Council Meeting, the election/appointment of appropriately qualified nominees who have been selected in accordance with this procedure.
- (xi) Any special circumstances not falling within the above rules will be determined by consultation between Group Leaders and the Head of Paid Service and the statutory processes at the Annual Council Meeting.

Notes

- 1) "Seats on Council" refers to seats held by the respective political groups and Independent Members immediately following the May elections or in May of the respective year when no elections are held.
- 2) "Mayor" refers to the exercise of the right of nomination by a political group (or Independent Members) for the following Municipal Year. The nominee is formally elected at the following Annual Council meeting.
- 3) "Quota carried forward" refers to the cumulative total of seats obtained by each group and Independent Members, minus 58 seats deducted from the group which has secured the right of nomination.
- 4) The right to nominate the Mayor also includes the Deputy Mayor.