

5. SELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Council has established criteria for selecting the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee keeps the criteria under regular review. The arrangements are as follows:

- 1) The position of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Borough will be taken in order of seniority from all the elected Members of the Council and will be calculated in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Council on 20th May 1976 as follows:

“The order of seniority of Members of the Council shall be determined by the length of previous local government service with the Council, including past service with the former Aldershot Borough Council and Farnborough Urban District Council. In the case where two or more Members have the same length of service, then priority between such Members shall be determined by the number of votes received by each Member expressed as a percentage of the total number of ballot papers issued at the most recent election held in their respective Wards.”
- 2) The normal progression through the Mayoralty will be by the holding of the position of Deputy Mayor and then progressing to the position of Mayor the following year.
- 3) Should an elected Member be in the position of not being able or wanting to accept the nomination when they reach their position within the seniority list, they will be considered in the following Municipal Year, depending on his or her wishes.
- 4) The Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor must at all times be apolitical. The Offices should not be used for political advantage.
- 5) Past Mayors will not be considered for the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor until fifteen years after the completion of the end of their Mayoral Year; at that time their position on the seniority list will be calculated on the basis of total length of service less fifteen years.
- 6) A Member will not normally be selected until that Member has served a full four year term.
- 7) A Member will not normally be selected for Mayor or Deputy Mayor if they are seeking re-election at that year's Borough Council Elections.
- 8) Where a Member who has not been Mayor before has the same number of eligible years' service as a Member who has already been Mayor, the Member who has not been Mayor shall be given priority in the selection process.
- 9) A Member should recognise the time required in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor and be able to allocate that time during his or her year of office.

10) Those considered for appointment:

- must demonstrate a broad base of support amongst Members of the Council and all Members will be contacted in writing by the Chief Executive for their views on the proposed candidates after they have been identified from the seniority list.
- should be able to demonstrate some experience of chairing meetings

11) The Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect will be selected at the Corporate Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on the basis of the selections being submitted to Council by the end of March.