

Standards Committee
Cabinet
Council

3rd March, 2011
15th March, 2011
22nd March, 2011

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Policy, Leadership and Governance) - Councillor Mutton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

(Director of Customer and Workforce Services and Director of Finance and Legal Services)

Ward(s) affected:

City wide

Title:

Procedure for the Appointment of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

The selection of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor is currently made on the basis of an agreement reached in 1994 between the then Leaders and Deputy Leaders of the Labour and Conservative Groups. This agreement does not currently form part of the Constitution.

Recommendations:

The Standards Committee is asked to

- i) recommend to Council the proposed addition to Part 2.5 of the Constitution as detailed in paragraph 2.2. .

Cabinet to:

- i) consider the report and note any recommendations from Standards Committee and make recommendations to Council.

Council to:

- i) approve the recommendation from the Standards Committee and Cabinet with immediate effect.

List of Appendices included:

None

Other useful background papers:

City Council's Constitution

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

Standards Committee, Cabinet and Council

Will this report go to Council?

Yes 22 March 2011.

Report title:

Procedure for the Appointment of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor

1. Context (or background)

1.1 The appointment of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor is made each year at the Council's Annual General Meeting. There is no formal procedure within the current Constitution for the selection of the councillor to hold this office. Selection is currently based on custom and practice of agreement between political groups. In recent years the office has alternated between Councillors within Conservative and Labour political groups.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 It is proposed that the office of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor be offered by the Leader of the Council to the Councillor who has the longest service. If that Councillor declines the post then it is offered to the next person in order of seniority. Any Councillor who declines the offer may in subsequent years take up the offer.

2.2 The following section would be added to the Constitution, Part 2.5, Article 5:

Article 5 – The Lord Mayor

2.5.1.1 The office of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor will be offered by the Leader of the Council to the Councillor who has the longest service and has not previously held the office. If that Councillor declines the offer, then it is offered to the next person in order of length of service. Any Councillor who declines the offer may take up the offer in subsequent years.

2.3 The Standards Committee are asked to consider this proposed addition to Part 2.5 of the Constitution and to recommend to Council that it be approved with immediate effect.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 Consultation on the revised proposed appointment process has taken place with both Group leaders.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 To be implemented with immediate effect.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Legal Services

Financial implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

Legal implications

5.2 There are no legal implications.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / LAA (or Coventry SCS)?

Not applicable.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

Not applicable.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

The person would be appointed in accordance with the Constitution and on the basis of seniority.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Not required

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

Not required

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

Not required

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