

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:

Each year, the Chief Executive will invite all Members to advise if they are interested to take the role of Deputy Mayor beginning the next municipal year, progressing through to the position of Mayor the following year. The Chief Executive shall also check that the Deputy Mayor wishes to progress through to Mayor. This will usually be in early December and with a deadline for Members to advise their interest by early January.

The following criteria will then be applied to determine the position from the interested Members:

- 1) The position of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Borough will be determined by order of seniority from amongst all interested Members of the Council as notified to the Chief Executive 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) A Member will not be eligible for selection until that Member has served a full four-year term.
- 4) Where a Member has not been Mayor before, that Member shall be given priority in the selection process.
- 5) Past Mayors will not normally be considered for the position of Mayor or Deputy Mayor until eight years after the completion of the end of their Mayoral Year.
- 6) A Member may be selected as Deputy Mayor when they are seeking re-election at that year's Borough Council Election. The position would be contingent on a successful re-election. However, a Member will not normally be selected when they are seeking re-election which would fall between their year as Deputy Mayor and Mayor).
- 7) The Offices of Mayor and Deputy Mayor must at all times be apolitical and should not be used for political advantage.

- 8) 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 their year of office.
- 9) 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 candidate.
 - should be able to demonstrate some experience of chairing meetings
- 10) 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.
- 11) The Mayor must sign their acceptance of the Mayoral Protocol before beginning their term of office