Milton Keynes City Council

Scheme for the Selection of the Deputy Mayor

"POINTS" SYSTEM FOR THE SELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

1. The convention is that each year the Deputy Mayor will progress to the office of Mayor (if he/she wishes to do so).

2. Each political group as constituted in accordance with Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 shall be credited on the day after the Annual Election (or 1 May in a year with no election) with a number of points equivalent to the number of Members of the Council within that Group.

3. 57 points (the current number of elected Members) would be deducted from the group which is to nominate the Deputy Mayor as Mayor at the Annual Council Meeting.

4. The outcome of the calculations in accordance with the scheme shall be notified to Group Leaders in time for Annual Group Meetings.

5. The political group with the highest number of points after the process described in (2) above shall be invited to nominate a candidate for the Deputy Mayoralty in the ensuing year.

6. If the invitation is declined by the group concerned, the option to nominate would then be passed to the Group with the second highest number of points.

7. In the event of a party group declining the nomination for the ensuing year, that group shall nevertheless be deemed to have exercised its right and its points shall be adjusted accordingly, (ie 57 points will be deducted at the next review).

8. In the event that two or more political groups have the same number of points and no agreement is reached between them as to which group shall have the right to nominate a candidate for the Deputy Mayoralty, the matter will be referred to Council for decision. The 57 points deduction will be made from the political group whose nomination is approved by the Council.

9. The formal procedure of election of the Candidate as Deputy Mayor will take place at the Annual Council Meeting.

Adopted by the Council, at its meeting on 12 November 2002 (Minute CL66(d) refers)