

Sample cross section of Local Authority protocol for election of Mayor/appointment of Deputy Mayor

Local Authority	Can be re-elected?	Selection By	Main criteria	Tie break	Refusal	Deputy Mayor
Fylde BC	No	List of seniority	Seniority	Parties to resolve through discussion, if no resolution reached then lots drawn	Asked again the following year	Selected by the Mayor of the day*
Stevenage BC	Yes, but not consecutively	List of seniority	Seniority	Never experienced tie	Asked again the following year	Next in seniority who accepts position
Rushmoor BC	Yes	List of seniority	Seniority	Highest percentage of votes at last election	Asked again the following year	Next in seniority who accepts position
Boston BC	No	List of seniority	Seniority	Draw lots or hold ballot	Asked again the following year	Selected by the Mayor of the day
Tunbridge Wells BC	Yes, but preference against	Group leaders	Aptitude	NA	NA	Serves before becoming Mayor
Dartford BC	Yes	Majority party	Not known	NA	NA	Serves before becoming Mayor
Ashford BC	Yes, but preference against	Group leaders	Not known	NA	NA	Serves before becoming Mayor
Swale BC	Yes, but preference against	Majority party	Leader asks for nominations, nominees speak at group meeting, vote is taken in their absence	NA	NA	Leader asks for nominations, nominees speak at group meeting, vote is taken in their absence
Maidstone BC	No	List of seniority	Seniority	Alphabetical	Asked again the following year	Next in seniority who accepts position

*The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are issued with a policy document outlining the responsibilities of the role and affirming the need to remain apolitical. A session is held with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and officers to discuss the policy.