

## COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

### 17.8 Voting on Appointments

17.8.1 Where a vote is required on an election or appointment and only one person is nominated, they shall be declared elected/appointed.

17.8.2 Where a vote is required on an election or appointment and two persons are nominated, the Chair shall call for an electronic vote on the first nomination, followed by an electronic vote for the second nomination. No member shall vote for both nominees. The nominee with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected/appointed.

17.8.3 Where a vote is required on an election or appointment and more than two persons are nominated the following procedure shall apply:

- (i) Councillors will be invited to vote electronically for each one of the nominees in turn and no member shall vote for more than one nominee;
- (ii) if one nominee secures an absolute majority of those present and voting, they shall be declared elected/appointed;
- (iii) if no nominee secures an absolute majority of those present and voting, the nominee with the least number of votes shall be eliminated from the contest;
- (iv) steps (i) - (iii) will be repeated until one nominee wins an absolute majority of those present and voting. That nominee shall be declared elected/appointed.

#### Worked examples:

##### Two nominations

Cllrs Abbot and Barnes are nominated.

Cllr Abbot receives 21 votes  
 Cllr Barnes receives 20 votes  
 3 councillors abstain

Cllr Abbot is elected

##### Four nominations

Cllrs Cave, Davis, Eames and Farrell are nominated

1<sup>st</sup> round:

Cllr Cave     3 votes  
 Cllr Davis    6 votes  
 Cllr Eames    9 votes  
 Cllr Farrell   15 votes  
 (1 councillor abstains)

Total           33 votes

Cllr Cave is eliminated

2<sup>nd</sup> round:

Cllr Davis 7 votes

Cllr Eames 9 votes

Cllr Farrell 17 votes

(1 councillor abstains)

Cllr Farrell is elected – having more votes than the two remaining nominees combined –  $7 + 9 = 16$ .