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Cllr Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question to Council – Wednesday 5th March 2025

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 5th March 2025. I have set out the question and my response below.

Given the continued one-party dominance of the mayoralty, how does the Council justify always appointing a Labour councillor rather than allowing a fairer rotation, does this truly reflect the borough's democratic diversity?

The democratic diversity of the Borough is reflective in the fact that nominations are sought for Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect from all Members of the Council. The Constitution - Council Procedure Rule Part 8 (2) and (3) sets out the manner in which Members may nominate for the role of Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect. The Procedure Rule does not identify that either civic position should be held by any specific political party.

Nominations are debated in Council and voted on by all Members of the Chamber with the Member receiving the majority vote being elected.

I hope that my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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