

Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CABINET

DATE: THURSDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2010
TIME: 9:30 am
**PLACE: THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - FIRST FLOOR, TOWN HALL,
TOWN HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER**

Members of the Committee

Councillor Patel (Chair)
Councillor Dempster (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bhatti, Dawood, Naylor, Osman, Palmer, Russell, Westley
and Wann

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to
consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Director, Corporate Governance

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PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

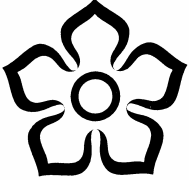
Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

3. NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS - OUTCOME OF [Appendix A](#) CONSULTATION

Councillor Patel submits a report that asks Council to consider the responses to the consultation on the Leader and Cabinet or Elected Mayor and Cabinet models of governance, according to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act), and to state Council's preferred model of governance in advance of a resolution at a further Special Council meeting to be held on 22 December 2010. Cabinet is recommended to consider the report and make comments to Council as it sees fit.

4. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS – OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

Report of the Director of Corporate Governance

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To ask Council to consider the responses to the consultation on the Leader and Cabinet or Elected Mayor and Cabinet models of governance, according to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act), and to state Council's preferred model of governance in advance of a resolution at a further Special Council meeting to be held on 22 December 2010.

2. SUMMARY

Leicester City Council is required to adopt a new model of governance as set out in the 2007 Act.

The two models available are:

- 1) Leader and Cabinet Executive (England) model (often described as the "strong leader" model).
- 2) Mayor and Cabinet Executive model

The Council, at a Special meeting on 19 November 2010, agreed a timetable for consultation and implementation and agreed to commence consultation.

Council must now state its preferred model, publish its proposals, place a notice in the local press and, by 31 December 2010, pass a resolution to adopt the new model at a Special meeting of Council convened for that purpose only.

Government has also indicated that the planned Decentralisation and Localism Bill will make further provisions concerning elected mayors.

The 2007 Act does not affect the requirement on the Council to hold a referendum if at least 5% of the local electorate petitions for a referendum on the Council's governance arrangements.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Cabinet is recommended to consider the report and make comments to Council as it sees fit.

3.2 Council is recommended to:

- 1) State its preferred model of governance in order for proposals to be made available to the public and a notice to be published in the local press, in advance of passing a resolution at a Special Meeting of Council on 22 December 2010; and
- 2) Agree that the format and wording of the proposals document be delegated to the Director of Corporate Governance, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

4. REPORT

4.1 The Local Government Act 2000 introduced the requirement for local authorities to adopt a prescribed model for executive arrangements. Following this, Leicester City Council adopted the "Leader and Cabinet Executive" model. The 2007 Act introduced a new Leader and Cabinet Executive model which differs from the existing in some key areas. Councils have been required to take steps to adopt one of the two current models available i.e. Strong Leader and Cabinet Executive or Mayor and Cabinet Executive.

Although the proposed Decentralisation and Localism Bill may require the Council to hold a referendum on the introduction of an elected mayor, as one of the 12 largest cities without an elected mayor, the Government has advised Councils that work needs to continue on adopting one of the models required by the 2007 Act but that attempts should be made to contain costs.

4.2 **Key features of each model**

Leader and Cabinet Executive

- Leader is elected for a four-year term at the next Annual Council following the Local Elections.
- The Leader will be able to appoint up to nine other Councillors to the Cabinet Executive. The Leader can change these appointments within the four-year term.
- The Leader is responsible for the allocation and discharge of all executive functions.
- The Leader can discharge any function of the executive, or determine whether the Cabinet, officers or Council committees can discharge executive functions.
- The Council can make provision in the Constitution for the removal of the Leader by a resolution of full Council.

Current arrangements differ from this model in that the Leader and Cabinet are appointed by Council annually, and executive functions are allocated by Council.

Mayor and Cabinet Executive

- The Mayor is directly-elected by the local electorate for a four-year term.
- The Mayor will be able to appoint up to nine other Councillors to the Cabinet Executive.
- The Mayor is responsible for all executive decisions of the authority.
- The Mayor can discharge any function of the executive, or determine whether the Cabinet, officers or Council committees can discharge executive functions.
- The Mayor cannot be removed by a resolution of full Council during their period of office.
- The Mayor cannot also be a Councillor. If elected to both, a vacancy arises for the position of Councillor.

4.3 **The process for adopting a new model**

The 2007 Act gives detail of the implementation process to be followed. This is summarised below.

- 1) Agreement by Council on timetable for consultation and implementation.
- 2) Carry out consultation.
- 3) Prepare proposals following consultation and submit to Council for agreement.
- 4) Make the proposals available, and put a notice in the Leicester Mercury.
- 5) Report to a Special Council before 31 December, to obtain a resolution to adopt the new model.
- 6) Make available for public viewing the provisions of the new arrangements and place a notice in the Leicester Mercury.
- 7) Changes to Constitution to be agreed by Council.
- 8) If the Mayoral model is adopted, hold mayoral election on 5 May 2011 at the same time as the Local Elections.
- 9) 8 May 2011 – new executive governance arrangements come into effect.
- 10) If Strong Leader model is adopted, the Leader would take position at Annual Council in May 2011.

4.4 **Consultation**

The Council was required to take reasonable steps to consult local electors and interested parties before drawing up its proposals.

When considering options for consultation, Members were advised to have regard to Government's recent letter from the Right Honourable Grant Shapps MP, Minister for Housing and Local Government, which was issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government on the 7th July. This encouraged the Council to minimise costs of consultation.

Consultation commenced on 20 November 2010 and is due to finish on 6 December 2010. Views are being sought from people who live in Leicester or have an interest in the City.

Although a majority of authorities have concentrated their consultation on-line, it was felt that this was inappropriate for Leicester City, and, therefore, a range of consultation methods have been used. These have included:

- On-line consultation
- Press releases
- Letters/emails to Community Meetings publicity database contacts
- Advert in Leicester Mercury
- Article in the Council's publication, Link
- Dedicated email address: leaderormayor@leicester.gov.uk
- Notification of consultation via Voluntary Action Leicester and Leicester Partnership
- Feed-in of a separate consultation carried out by the Chamber of Commerce
- You Tube video by the Leader
- Focus groups
- Email to Council staff
- Discussion at some Community Meetings held within the period
- Posters in Council buildings

There has also been a live radio debate and phone-in and reports in the local media, including the television.

There will be validation checks of all responses. The on-line responses are validated by postcode and by IP addresses, whereby, excluding large organisations, such as Leicester City Council, addresses with a large number of responses are scrutinised to identify whether they are repeat submissions.

The responses from the consultation will be collated and circulated as an addendum to this report as soon as possible after 6 December 2010, prior to the Council meeting on 9 December 2010.

4.5 **Publication of proposals**

The Council is statutorily required to make the proposals for the new model of governance available to the public and to place a notice in one or more local newspapers (i.e. the Leicester Mercury.)

The proposals must include:

- A timetable with respect to the implementation of the proposals, and
- Details of any transitional arrangements which are necessary for the implementation of the proposals.

In drawing up its proposals the Authority must consider the extent to which the proposals, if implemented, would be likely to assist in securing continuous improvement in the way in which the local authority's functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Copies of the proposals must be made available for inspection by members of the public at all reasonable times, and will be made available in the Customer Service centre

The notice to be placed in the Leicester Mercury should:

- State that the Authority has drawn up the proposals;
- Describe the main features of the proposals;
- State that copies of the document setting out the proposals are available at the Customer Service Centre for inspection by members of the public at such times as may be specified in the notice, and
- Specifies the address of the Customer Service Centre.

5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Financial Implications

There are additional costs associated with the Mayor and Cabinet Executive model in the form of a mayoral election. The cost of the Council election in 2007 was around £183,000 and the costs of a separate election are therefore likely to be similar. However, if the mayoral election took place at the same time as the Council election in 2011, costs for the mayoral election itself would be minimal. A mayoral referendum followed by a mayoral election at a later date would have additional cost implications.

Mark Noble, Chief Finance Officer, x297401

5.2 Legal Implications

The legal implications are covered in the report. In addition:

- The scope of the consultation undertaken between 20th November to 6th December was designed to meet that requirements to “*consult the local government electors for, and other interested persons in, the authority’s area*” [section 33E(6) LGA 2000].
- The consequence of the Council failing to agree proposals would mean that the Council would not comply with the imperative to resolve its governance arrangements by 31.12.10. The Secretary of State would then have the power to order the Council to adopt a Leader and Cabinet Executive model.
- The Decentralisation and Localism Bill is not available at the time of writing. If, as is speculated, it does compel the Council to hold a Mayoral referendum it is unclear what effect such a requirement might have on the Council’s strategy for elections in May 2011. Currently there is nothing to indicate that any plans to hold, nor the outcome of, Mayoral elections in the City in May 2011 would be declared retrospectively unlawful by any Localism Act 2011.
- Following the publication of proposals the public will be entitled to submit any representations to the Council, and Council will consider these at the time of passing its final resolution on 22 December 2010.
- Section 245 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, provides that where a Council decides to operate an Elected Mayor and Cabinet Executive, then the “style of Mayor” previously used by the Chairman of the Council shall no longer be used. This means that the current Lord Mayor position would have to be re-titled, for example, “Chairman” if the Elected Mayor adopts the title “Mayor”.

Peter Nicholls, Director of Legal Services x29 6302

5.3 **Climate change implications**

This report does not contain significant climate change implications and therefore should not have a detrimental effect on the Council's climate change targets.

Claire Pipe, Senior Environmental Consultant - Climate Change x 29 6776

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within the Report	References
Equal Opportunities	No		
Policy	No		
Sustainable and Environmental	No		
Crime and Disorder	No		
Human Rights Act	No		
Elderly/People on Low Income	No		
Corporate Parenting	No		

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Local Government Act 2000

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

Letter to Council Leader from the Rt Honourable Grant Shapps MP, Minister for Housing and Local Government, 7 July 2010

8. **REPORT AUTHOR**

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Democratic Support

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New Executive Arrangements – Outcome of Consultation Addendum

Introduction and Comparison with Other Authorities

Following approval by Council on 19 November a consultation exercise on a new model of executive governance took place between 20 November and 6 December. This addendum to the report previously published gives further details of the activities that took place during the consultation period and the responses received together with details of the approach taken regarding the consultation by a number of other local authorities.

The consultation period ended on 6 December however any late responses received will be reported to Cabinet and Council on 9 December.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ‘the Act’ requires authorities to ‘take reasonable steps to consult local electors and interested parties’ about the available options before drawing up proposals for their future executive arrangements. Different deadlines for completion of the process for different types of authorities were given by Government in the Act. The deadline given for Leicester is 31 December 2010.

However following the general election and the proposed Decentralisation and Localism Bill further advice regarding the consultation required under the Act was received from Government in the form of a letter from Rt. Hon Grant Shapps MP in July 2010 which advised that:

“the case is strong for any consultation now about future governance arrangements to be the minimal cost option. It will be for each council to decide, but in our view no more than a small newspaper advert/article or press release on your website may be proportionate and right in these circumstances.”

A full copy of this letter is attached at Appendix A.

Local authorities have interpreted the advice in a number of different ways but since the letter most consultations have been more limited in scope.

Comparisons are given below of the approach taken and responses received by:
a - nearby unitary authorities who have undertaken consultation since the letter from Grant Shapps was received by local authorities in July 2010

b – the responses received by a number other authorities of a range of types which conducted consultation in 2009 or 2010.

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Authority	No. of Responses	Notes
Derby	7	6 week consultation – advertised on Council consultation web page – 2 press releases issued – two articles published in a local newspaper. Council agreed Leader & Executive 17/10/10
Nottingham	0	4 week consultation – details included on the Council’s website and open to inspection at a Council building – public notice of consultation period given in a local newspaper. Recommendation to adopt Leader and Executive model to be considered by Council 13/12/10

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Authority & No. of Responses	Consultation Period – Final agreement - Notes
Bath & NE Somerset – 48 responses	3 weeks – Council agreed Leader & Executive 16/11/10
Birmingham - 0 responses	4 weeks. – Council agreed Leader & Executive 1/12/09
Blaby - 10 responses	15 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 20/7/10
Bristol - 870 responses *	4 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 16/11/10
Camden – 108 responses	12 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 15/6/09
Charnwood – 32 responses	6 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 8/11/10
Coventry –	did not hold a consultation within the timetable so Strong Leader model adopted as per legislation
Hamersmith & Fulham – 32 responses	12 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 27/1/10
Kirklees – 89 responses	8 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 9/12/09
Lambeth – 23 responses	10 days - Council agreed Leader & Executive 21/10/09
Leeds – 719 responses	7 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 16/09/09
Manchester – 3066 responses **	7 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 7/10/09
Merton – 0 responses	20 weeks – Council agreed Leader & Executive 16/11/09
Milton Keynes - 51	6 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 16/11/10
Newcastle – 16 responses	c8 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 4/11/09
Peterborough – 68 responses	11 weeks - Council agreed Leader &

	Executive 13/10/10
Portsmouth – 2 responses	4 weeks – Council agreed Leader & Executive 23/11/10
Sefton – 22 responses	9 weeks - Council agreed Leader & Executive 22/10/09
Sheffield – 726 responses	8 weeks – Council agreed Leader & Executive 28/10/09
Worcester – 3 responses ***	Council agreed Leader & Executive 23/11/10

Notes

* of 870 responses 74.1% were in favour of an elected mayor, 23.3% were in favour of a Leader and Cabinet with 2.5% with no preference however ‘the judgement of full council was that the Leader and Cabinet model was more likely to bring about improvements in service delivery’

** £60,000 spent on consultation exercise in 2009

*** Consultation period not specified on website

Consultation Activity Undertaken in Leicester

Activity	Date	Notes
Survey conducted by Chamber of Commerce	Prior to commencement of Council consultation	Sent to 457 contacts in the City.
Article in LINK	Went to print 19/11.	As went to print prior to Council decision on 19/11 article explains background and states any consultation would be advertised on the Council’s web site.
Press releases		Articles published Leicester Mercury 19/11, 20/11, 26/11, 1/12, 2/12 BBC News website 19/11, 1/12 Citizens Eye 22/11, 23/11, 24/11
Page on Council Consultation site	20/11	Responses checked for validity by IP, address, postcode, need to restart browser to enter another preference. Opportunity also offered to respond via telephone, address or email.
Dedicated email address set up	20/11	

Staff email	22/11	Sent to all staff on the Council email system
Distribution of details to Voluntary Action Leicester contacts database	Sent by VAL	Sent to 1400 Voluntary Action Leicester contacts and host organisations
Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly	25/11	Participants notified – c90 participants. Significant number from City.
Radio Leicester debates	25/11 6/12	
You Tube video featuring the Leader	Posted 25/11	28 viewings as at 6/12 - 2pm.
Information included on Voluntary Action Leicester weekly e-briefing	Sent 26/11, 3/12	
Community Meetings publicity list Letters and response form sent where address only given. Emails sent where an email address was given.	29/11	1583 letters 741 emails
Consideration at Community Meetings	Westcotes – 30/11 Knighton – 29/11 Rushey Mead – 8/12	Rushey Mead meets after the consultation period – verbal feedback to be given
Mercury advert	30/11	Return slip and freepost address included
'Have Your Say' posters	30/11	Distributed to libraries / customer service centres.
Focus group for first time voters in May 2011	4/12	Took place Saturday 4/12 – Town Hall
Advertised via a banner on home page of leicester.gov.uk and other key landing pages	Throughout the consultation period	
Advertised on Staff Intranet		'Newspod' facility used twice

Messages posted on Twitter	Throughout the consultation period	All press releases were posted automatically on Twitter. Supported by posts by Communications and Consultations staff, which got re-tweeted by users inside/outside city. No stats but these were monitored daily by Communications staff.
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Notes

- A focus group involving Community sector representatives was arranged for 3/12 but cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- A freepost address was advertised for postal comments along.
- Comments were also accepted via telephone calls to Democratic Support
- Confirmation has been received that as at 2pm on 6/12 posters were on display in Braunstone, Central lending, Evington, Fosse, Highfields, Knighton, St Barnabas and Westcotes libraries

Validation

The Act requires the authority to consult local electors and interested parties but puts no restrictions on the definition of ‘interested parties’. However in order to protect against misuse a variety of validation processes have been put in place.

These include:

- Where people comment via the consultation page postcodes and the IP addresses have been collected. This has allowed an analysis of where a number of responses have been received from the same IP address. Where this has occurred further checks have been undertaken to see if there is a valid reason for this such as being from a PC in Council library for example. Secondly, each response is time-stamped, so any timestamps from the same IP address in concentrated periods will be especially closely scrutinised. Finally, the consultation system used is set up to make it not possible to vote more than once without either closing down the browser completely and restarting or by waiting at least an hour so as not to allow multiple votes within that period. It is technically possible to install a program to circumvent this but would require a detailed knowledge of ICT.
- Email and responses by paper and telephone are cross checked to avoid multiple returns and to check for abuse.

Where concerns have been raised by officers regarding validation these are detailed in the analysis.

Number of Comments Received

Full details of the responses received and views expressed are detailed in Appendix B

In response to the consultation a wide range of responses and comments have been received which reflect the nature of the process as a consultation on views rather than asking a closed question. In addition a number of representations have been received on behalf organisations or meetings and so represent the views of more than one respondent. In some cases those present at meetings or who are members of organisations which have responded collectively may have also expressed a view individually. The figures below relate to responses received at the close of the consultation at midnight on 6 December.

Total number of representations received*	774
Preference for Leader / Executive	344
Preference for Mayor / Executive	357
No preference	36
offered a different approach / did not specify	37

Analysis of Residence

Of the totals (above) of those who gave a postcode and were resident in the City
288 expressed a preference for Leader / Executive
298 expressed a preference for Mayor / Executive
32 chose option 3 'No preference'
22 offered a different approach / did not specify

Queried responses

Of the totals (above) queries were raised in relation to:

Received via Consultation Page – total queried 35
Leader / Executive – 26, Mayor 2, no preference 7

Received via 'Leaderormayor' email address

Three instances of more than one email being submitted from an individual were identified. One person emailed again to give their postcode, one emailed further after receiving a response to a query in their first email. One person emailed three times and their comments have been put together in the responses document. In each case, their preference has been logged only once.

Received via letter

One instance of a letter and email being sent in from one individual was identified. In this case, the comments were the same and the person's preference logged under their email response only, as this was the first received.

Received via telephone - – total queried 0

Received via letter to Community Meeting distribution – total queried 0

Received via Mercury return slip – total queried 0

Comments Received on Behalf of Groups / Meetings

Chamber of Commerce consultation

A questionnaire was sent to Chamber of Commerce members in the City. Of those who responded the majority supported the Mayor and Executive model.

Consultation with Young People

5 Young people attended the Focus Group which took place on 4 December. The session considered the issue fully. At the end of the session 4 young people expressed themselves in support of the Mayor / Executive model and 1 expressed support for the Leader / Executive model. Full details and reasons given for the views expressed are given in Appendix B

Highfields Area Forum

A meeting was held on Monday 29th November 2010. Following discussion the meeting expressed support for the mayor and executive model. Full details and reasons given for the views expressed are given in Appendix B.

Westcotes Community Meeting – no preference expressed. The relevant minute extract is included at Appendix B.

Knighton Community Meeting – preference expressed for Leader and Cabinet – The relevant minute extract is included at Appendix B.

Rushey Mead Community Meeting – To be considered at meeting to be held on 8/12. Details to be circulated when available.

HART - preference expressed for elected Mayor
Adhar Project - preference expressed for elected Mayor
The Shanti group - preference expressed for elected Mayor
Jumpin Jacqs – preference expressed for elected Mayor
Agape Church - preference expressed for elected Mayor
Daman Community - preference expressed for elected Mayor

Comments via the Consultation Page

Total received	No	Preference for Leader / Executive (percentage)	Preference for Mayor / Executive (percentage)	No preference expressed	A different approach requested / not specified
515		259	226	27	3

Of those who gave a postcode and were resident in the City
222 expressed a preference for Leader / Executive
196 expressed a preference for Mayor / Executive

23 chose option 3 'No preference'
 2 offered a different approach did not specify

Queried responses (following analysis of IP address) - 35
 Leader / Executive – 26, Mayor 2, no preference 7

Comments via the 'Leaderormayor' email address

Total received	No Preference for Leader / Executive (percentage)	Preference for Mayor / Executive (percentage)	No preference expressed	A different approach requested / not specified
86	14	48	0	24

Of those who gave a postcode and were resident in the City
 8 expressed a preference for Leader / Executive
 27 expressed a preference for Mayor / Executive
 0 chose option 3 'No preference'
 13 offered a different approach did not specify

Queried responses

Three instances of more than one email being submitted from an individual were identified. One person emailed again to give their postcode, one emailed further after receiving a response to a query in their first email. One person emailed three times and their comments have been put together in the responses document. In each case, their preference has been logged only once.

Comments received via telephone

Total received	No Preference for Leader / Executive (percentage)	Preference for Mayor / Executive (percentage)	No preference expressed	A different approach requested / not specified
10	4	3	0	3

Of those who gave a postcode and were resident in the City
 4 expressed a preference for Leader / Executive
 3 expressed a preference for Mayor / Executive
 0 chose option 3 'No preference'
 1 offered a different approach did not specify

Queried responses 0

Responses via letter

Total received	No	Preference for Leader / Executive (percentage)	Preference for Mayor / Executive (percentage)	No preference expressed	A different approach requested / not specified
22		0	21	0	1

Of those who gave a postcode and were resident in the City

0 expressed a preference for Leader / Executive

20 expressed a preference for Mayor / Executive

0 chose option 3 'No preference'

1 offered a different approach did not specify

Queried responses

One instance of a letter and email being sent in from one individual was identified.

In this case, the comments were the same and the person's preference logged under their email response only, as this was the first received.

Responses via letter to Community Meeting distribution

Total received	No	Preference for Leader / Executive (percentage)	Preference for Mayor / Executive (percentage)	No preference expressed	A different approach requested / not specified
69		20	39	7	0

Letters only sent to City residents

Queried responses 0

Responses via Mercury return slip

Total received	No	Preference for Leader / Executive (percentage)	Preference for Mayor / Executive (percentage)	No preference expressed	A different approach requested / not specified
72		47	20	2	3

Of those who gave a postcode and were resident in the City

34 expressed a preference for Leader / Executive

13 expressed a preference for Mayor / Executive

2 chose option 3 'No preference'

2 offered a different approach did not specify

Queried responses 0

Appendix A

Communities

And Local Government
The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Minister for Housing and Local Government
Department for Communities and Local Government
Eland House
Bressenden Place
London, SW1E 5DU
Tel: 0303 444 3460
Fax: 020 7828 4903
E-mail: grant.shapps@communities.gsi.gov.uk
www.communities.gov.uk

7th July 2010
Dear Leader

Requirements to consult under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

I am writing to you about the requirements on your Council to adopt a new governance model from May 2011, and before doing so to consult your local electorate and interested parties in the area. Whilst it is for each council to decide how it will meet these requirements, I would wish to highlight the Government's view that councils need not incur any significant expenditure on these requirements, and our expectation in today's circumstances that all councils will pursue this at minimal cost.

These requirements are in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and necessarily remain in force unless or until that Act is repealed by fresh primary legislation. It is our intention to do this. For your council the requirements mean that you must resolve by 31 December 2010 to move to either the new leader and cabinet model or mayor and cabinet model, and before so resolving you must take reasonable steps to consult the local electorate and other interested parties in your council's area.

In considering how to approach these requirements you will wish to have regard to the circumstances of today, including both the priority of cutting out all wasteful spending and the Government's commitments to allow councils to return to the committee system, should they wish to and on elected mayors. We also intend to remove the necessity to elect a leader for four years. We intend to provide for these commitments in our Localism Bill to be introduced later in this Parliamentary session. This may mean that any governance model you adopt in May 2011 may be further changed within a year to so. Your decision about consultation will also be taken in the context of the greater transparency and openness agenda which I am confident you will be putting in place throughout your council.

Accordingly, the case is strong for any consultation now about future governance arrangements to be the minimal cost option. It will be for each council to decide, but in our view no more than a small newspaper advert/article or press release on your website may be proportionate and right in these circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

GRANT SHAPPS, MP

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DETAILED RESPONSES**APPENDIX B**

The text of comments received has not been edited except for personal comments which have been removed.

Responses received by email

Location	PREFERENCE	COMMENTS
City	Leader and Cabinet	My preference is for the system of leader of the council and cabinet, not elected mayor.
City	Not specified	Yes, I do have a view on how the Council should be constituted, which I would be prepared to tell you in a referendum. This consultation is shockingly short, and consequently the process is completely undemocratic, designed to ensure that the party with the built in majority in the city (the party I support, in fact) maintains a grip on power. I hope you lose.
Postcode not given	Not specified	I do not usually take part or comment on these types of debate, but in this instance I feel I need to in that the Online Survey is biased by the fact it does not cover all the appropriate questions that should be being asked. Therefore, due diligence is not being carried out properly on this important topic and it would appear party politics are being played out at it's worse with the possibility of personal vested interested being at the forefront, also the timescale for responses can be considered to tight in order to get a full response from the people of Leicester as to their wishes.
Full postcode not given	Elected Mayor	Hi - Mayor every time. LE2.
City	Not specified	I'm dismayed at the way the council appear to be bulldozing this important decision through without the referendum the government promised us. I have yet to form a strong opinion either way on the matter of elected mayors but my opinion

		<p>(and indeed this consultation) are irrelevant if it's all been decided in advance.</p> <p>Only by holding a referendum will you get the proper public debate required to legitimise a decision on this. Yes this will cost more money but so would an elected mayor.</p> <p>The city council cannot say they are introducing elected mayors to improve democratic accountability if they deny people the democratic right to decide on them in the first place.</p>
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	I would prefer a leader
Postcode not given	Mayor and Cabinet	I vote for mayor
Full postcode not given	Mayor and Cabinet	Elected by public a Mayor
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	<p>No major decisions should be rushed like this</p> <p>There should be no elected Mayor, we have had leaders in the past or have been reined in by their parties, some leaders when acting like a president have made bad decisions, and not been checked.</p> <p>There will be no accountability if we put all the power with one individual.</p> <p>my Vote goes with staying with a leader</p>
Postcode not given	Not specified	<p>I have given my suggestion on the website, however I can input my opinion and post code, over and over. The consultation can be ridged very easily. I studded qualitative and quantative data at university so I have some knowledge on how these results can be fixed. The security needs to be updated, if you do not ask the person for their name and address, anyone can but in their opinion a thousand times over, and entering any city post code. The council need to change this straight away, other wise they would be open to criticism and the information collected can easily be incorrect.</p>
Postcode not	Not specified	I would like to see the current system stay in place. I think it is an honour and reward for length

given		of service as a councillor to be given the position of mayor. I would not like to see embarrassing things like what happened in Hartlepool to happen in this great city. (A Monkey / Football Mascot) elected as mayor. If it's not broken, don't fix it!
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Directly elected Mayor & cabinet.
Postcode not given	Not specified	To be honest I prefer the system we have now as I feel that: A) four years is too long to be in office B) The idea of appointing a cabinet based on an individuals preference does not seem as democratic as councillors voting for a cabinet C) I'm not sure what the function of the Mayor would be under the elected Mayor and Cabinet model as they can not be a Councillor
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	As a long standing resident of Leicester, I strongly believe that Leicester should have an Elected Mayor as this model is proven to be representative of the whole community.
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	COUNCIL LEADER PLEASE! (personal comment removed)
City	Not specified	As my forebears have lived in Leicester since at least the 1700's I feel strongly that the Honorary role of Lord Mayor should be kept. I have attended celebrations of many kinds where the Lord mayor has officiated and represented the City of Leicester and seen the pride in the eyes of Children in school and with 'Looked after Young People'. I have met many Lord mayors over the years and feel only positive about their interactions on behalf of the City. The history and culture of Leicester has diminished over the years because of various reasons such as demolition and social change. I feel that this title should remain but maybe more care should be given to the nomination and election of a Lord mayor. The nomination should be on merit and not rotation of parties.

		<p>It may be a possibility that the Lord Mayor comes from the community not necessarily a Councillor, someone that has done a lot for the City or people that live in the City ,to be elected by the people for this HONORARY ,UNPAID POSITION.</p> <p>A Son of Leicester and proud of this</p>
City	Not specified	<p>We seem to have a cut and dried 2 option choice. However, there is no information regarding predicted costs for either option. Surely in order to make some form of judgment this is a minimum requirement otherwise how do we know what the possible impactions are on Council Tax in the future, what is likely to be the minimum requirement for support staff if an elected Mayor is decided on, how will an elected Mayor with full executive power impact on the existing top management structure of the Council i.e. will we still need a Chief Executive, if so why if the Mayor has full executive powers.</p> <p>I feel that the above is a minimum of information I require before I can make my judgement, otherwise I feel the whole consultation and possible election is cut and dried regardless and that we are just being given lip service instead of the right to determine what we feel is the right direction for the future of our city.</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I prefer an elected Mayor to remove the political affiliation out of the way.</p> <p>Kind regards and many thanks,</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>Wish to support the idea of a directly elected Mayor for our dear city. This will give us the residents of the city a more say in the whole democratic structures at the highest level of the city's political system.</p> <p>Thanks</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I would prefer an elected mayor</p>
Postcode not	Not specified	<p>I believe that the citizens of Leicester should have been given the right to have a referendum</p>

given		<p>on this important process.</p> <p>I do not agree to an Elected Mayor i believe this was voted in with haste from the ruling Labour party with lack of judgement. I believe it will make political decision even more harder to scrutinise . I believe this has been pushed through so that a small number of the ruling labour group can feather there own nest.</p> <p>As far as the consultation is concerned just asking 2 questions is totally unacceptable. Yet another</p> <p>Fait Accompli by the ruling Labour Group.</p>
Postcode not given	Not specified	<p>I have received a link to the online Leader or Mayor Consultation page. Before I complete the survey, I wanted to raise a few things.</p> <p>A couple of additional FAQs would be useful for clarification. For example, you state on the web page:</p> <p>"Leicester City Council is now required by law to change how we are governed and managed"</p> <p>My understanding is that you are referring to the Decentralisation and Localism Bill, which has clearly not yet become law and as such your statement is incorrect.</p> <p>You state that the proposed elected mayor "cannot be a Councillor", which presumably means only that he or she cannot concurrently hold two political offices on Leicester Council?</p> <p>Your statement makes no reference to the possibility of a current Councillor resigning and immediately contesting the mayoralty and whether this would be permissible?</p> <p>Nor do you state whether the holding of other political offices is permissible, e.g. could a mayoral candidate also be an MP or an MEP and what would happen should this situation occur?</p> <p>Finally, your statement says that "the elected mayor....can only be removed and replaced after a referendum"</p>

		<p>Please can you publish details about the mechanism for triggering such a referendum? For example the threshold that must be reached in terms of number/% of voters or of those eligible to vote who must support any petition for a referendum to be held?</p> <p>If you are unable to provide detail, it seems to me that you are asking the electorate to sign up to something without giving them important information about how they can subsequently attempt to break the deal and attempt removal any future office holder, should they desire to do this.</p> <p>For example, if a threshold is set which impractically high, your consultation asks the electorate to support an elected mayor for Leicester (without a referendum in the first instance I notice), and the consultation says that any holder of such an office can be removed by a referendum, but in practice this may not be possible.</p> <p>I hope you can clarify some of these issues. Personally, on balance of what I currently know, I support the idea, but I do feel that more information needs to be given to allow the public and informed choice.</p>
Postcode not given	Not specified	If I am correct in thinking that voting or opinions can only be gathered from members of the public via email/internet, it seems to me that this is discriminatory toward people without access to the internet or those who do not have the ability to use technology.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer an elected mayor for Leicester
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	In summary, we generally get a mixed bag of local politicians - who then chose the "best of a relatively poor bunch" to run the city. At least with an elected mayor we can get some better candidates into the field.
Postcode not	Leader and	Leader

given	Cabinet	
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	Prefer Leader
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I believe the Directly Elected Mayor and cabinet is the best system as it gives the residents more choice in electing a mayor.
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	Leader
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would prefer an elected Mayor.
City	Leader and Cabinet	<p>I am e-mailing to say my preference out of the two options is a leader, not a mayor, though I would prefer the system operated several years ago.</p> <p>However my main concern is that there is no referendum on the two options. For any major change in how councils are run (or other elected bodies) should be chosen by the voters, in this case Leicester voters. If the voters then choose a Mayor I would except that decision.</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I write to make representations in support of the proposal that Leicester should have an elected mayor. I make those representations as Senior Partner of Harvey Ingram (the largest law firm in Leicester) but also as someone who has played a significant part in the development of the business and wider community in recent years, having been President of the Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce for 3 years (2003-06) and Chairman of the East Midlands Chambers of Commerce for 4 years (2005-09).</p> <p>Leicester is a large city and its leader would have a significant advantage if democratically elected. This would give the individual significant political standing and the ability to derive real power from that process.</p> <p>From the business perspective it is vital that Leicester should be seen as a place where</p>

		<p>business can work effectively and prosper and to do this experience in other parts of the country indicates that the decision making process is more cohesive and efficient where there is an elected mayor and cabinet. Some cities already have that benefit and others will shortly follow. If we do not have an elected mayor Leicester will fall behind its competitors and work and jobs will be lost.</p> <p>I applaud the courage of the present administration in promoting the solution of election - it must be the only way forward.</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would rather have an elected Mayor.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	my preference is for an elected Mayor.
City	Neither supported	<p>My comments are as follows-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1st. the average consultation for work by the Council over the last year averages 50 days consultation. To consult for only 11 working days is unacceptable on such a major issue. 2. I strongly object that it is invading in to the Christmas season. Had this been the case for any other religious/celebration in the city it would not have been acceptable. Does Christmas mean so little in our city now. 3. The access to this consultation is limited and discriminates. If you have knowledge of IT and access to a computer it would seem you are the only ones being taken attention of now. Usually we balance things and go out to hard to reach groups, why hasn't this been done? 4. Where is the translation of this for BME communities. 5. You have made no mention of the new BILL due out which will have implications for this and you have not provided the whole picture on the website. 6. Also no reference to how legally this can be challenged for example, by a petition which has a certain number of signatures. 7. This matter has not been through the usual channels such as Council meetings/scrutiny/task group. Why not have taken it out to ward community meetings, they have nothing else to

		<p>discuss this year.</p> <p>I DO NOT SUPPORT AN ELECTED MAYOR NEITHER DO I SUPPORT AN ELECTED LEADER AS BOTH ARE UNACCOUNTABLE.</p> <p>The people of Leicester should have been asked do they want to change first before railroading this matter through in this way.</p> <p>Research has shown that of the Councils who have considered an elected mayor two thirds said NO. And the trend now is for the third that did, is to reverse matters.</p> <p>Finally, you have not been objective in your statement on the web, Had you been you would have included all the pros and cons of all the options. Particularly the costs, which should have included salaries paid to elected mayors/Leaders. Cost of possible by-elections as were an elected Member elected they would have to resign.</p> <p>Going down this route closes the door on hundreds of years of tradition as a democratic, accountable and accessible model of governance, moulded over the years. Indications are that the new BILL will include the option of going back to the committee system this should be awaited and looked at.</p> <p>I am very unhappy with this process as it stands.</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I strongly favour a directly elected executive Mayor for the City of Leicester. However, I do feel that for a significant constitutional change of this nature the people of Leicester should be consulted with an invitation to participate in a referendum, the result of which should be binding on the City Council.</p> <p>But what of the suburbs? Still considered by the councils (using boundaries last amended in 1935!) to be part of distant borough or district council areas, the suburbs are in reality view very</p>

		much part of the City of Leicester.
City	Not specified	We are entitled to a referendum, I certainly don't want the sort of Mayor you have in mind.
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	To whom it may concern: I am in favour of the 'elected mayor' option.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think it is appalling that the people of Leicester have not been properly consulted on this matter; a small section on a website that hardly anyone visits is by no means an effective substitute for a referendum, as we were promised. These are very dark times for democracy. My preference would be an elected mayor.
City	Not specified	I prefer to leave it as it is. Why change?
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I favour an Elected Mayor.
City	Not specified	Thank you for your e-mail of above reference received today – addressed as “Dear Community Meeting Contact” – announcing the “Consultation Exercise” on whether or not the Citizens want an Elected Mayor. In my Opinion this exercise is a sham. Why? First, not all Citizens are “on-line” – especially a lot of the Elderly. Second, this method will not reach the majority of Citizens – at least those who care enough to bother to vote. The Labour Cabinet decided to deny the Citizens (a minority of whom who voted them into Office!) the choice of decision by Referendum. That is a classic case of ignorance of our wishes. I would remind both officers and Councillors that, many years ago, the Leicester Mercury set up

		<p>its own “referendum” on whether the then Council should purchase New Walk Centre.</p> <p>This referendum was conducted using the then Electoral Register for the City to prevent a false result. That result was an emphatic “NO!”</p> <p>We, the Voters, were proved right all along. And, as they say “up North”, “By Gum, Were we proved right!” The chickens are coming home to roost with a vengeance on that.</p> <p>As the Cabinet have flatly refused us a referendum, I have asked the Mercury to repeat the exercise. As yet, I have not heard from them – but hope that they will act.</p> <p>For the Record, please inform the Elected Members that there is only one man fit for the office of Elected Mayor of Leicester. He is Sir Peter Soulsby – whose election will give us, the Citizens, a real Leader. One who will supplant the present mass of incompetence that masquerades as a Cabinet.</p> <p><i>Further response from JB following an email from Democratic Support</i></p> <p>Many thanks for that!</p> <p>The "Link" does not reach this part of the world - and, quite frankly is not missed. It is an expendable - and expensive - "luxury" that deserves economy closure.</p> <p>The Elected Members do not enjoy the confidence of the Electorate! As so few voted last time around (see my first comment)</p> <p>A Referendum - costed at £250,00 I believe by certain Councillors is exactly the same as the latest "Lifebelt" thrown to the Phoenix Square!</p> <p>If Councillors refuse a referendum then they have no business being in Office. Why? Because they are our Servants and not Masters!</p> <p>Please inform all Elected Members</p>
Postcode not given	Not specified	I would like the leader to be elected bi-annually. This would allow the leader to undertake medium term plans, whilst remaining accountable to the electorate. Some politicians make promises, then once in power do not keep to them, but yet we are stuck with them for 4 years.

City	Not specified	<p>THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION.</p> <p>BEFORE REPLYING MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED PLEASE:</p> <p>THE LORD MAYOR: REPRESENTS LEICESTER CITIZENS PUTS IN A HUGE EFFORT TO GO AND SEE LEICESTER CULTURE, ORGANISATIONS, CHARITIES. MINGLES WITH THE GOOD AND GREAT THAT ARE THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN LEICESTER. CHAIRS THE COUNCIL MEETINGS.</p> <p>PLEASE SAY EXACTLY WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE LORD MAYOR AND HOW A LORD MAYOR WILL FIT WITH EITHER OF THE TWO OPTIONS.</p> <p>SAY HOW THE LORD MAYOR IN FUTURE WILL BE CHOSEN. WILL IT STILL BE SHARED OUT POLITICALLY AND ON LENGTH OF SERVICE, MUTUALLY AGREED AND RESPECTED BY ALL THE COUNCILLORS?</p> <p>DO PLEASE REPLY TO THIS BY RETURN SO THAT MY OVERALL RESPONSE TO THE SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION CAN MEET YOUR UNBELIEVABLY SILLY SHORT DEADLINE.</p>
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Elected by local council tax paying public from Leicester.
City	Not specified	<p>I AM AGAINST AN ELECTED MAYOR FOR LEICESTER. I WOULD RETAIN THE CURRENT SYSTEM.</p> <p>Leicester needs a referendum on this issue. This is because, an elected mayor for Leicester is</p>

		<p>not only a radical change, but introduces a completely different method of local government that is too important to leave to only councillors to decide.</p> <p>Rather than just a short 11 day consultation period, Leicester citizens need a referendum and a longer consultation so that they can decide on whether or not to have an elected mayor.</p> <p>What the Labour control City Council has not understood is people are inclined to support what they help to decide.</p>
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Lets have an elected mayor and hopefully they will present a position that is less biased and reflects the needs of the local people.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	My preference is to have an elected Mayor
City	Leader and Cabinet	My preference is Leader and Cabinet.
City	Leader and Cabinet	<p>As a citizen of Leicester City I would like to state that I DO NOT WANT AN ELECTED MAYOR</p> <p>As far as I am aware the present system for electing the leader of the council works perfectly well so if it isn't broken don't mend it!</p> <p>At present if the leader of the council is not doing a good job he/she can be removed from the office by those who chose him/her, this will not be so in the case of an elected mayor and the citizens of Leicester will have to put up with a bad mayor for the full four years of office.</p> <p>I have always voted labour but if the ruling labour party proceed along the lines of an elected mayor then I shall not vote for a labour member who stands for the office.</p>
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I'd like a directly elected mayor.
City	Elected Mayor	I'd like to express my preference for an elected Mayor for Leicester.

	and Cabinet	It is my view that this will increase the degree of direct accountability of the top-level leadership of the Council to voters/Council Tax payers.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Please record my vote in favour of an elected mayor. Thank you
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would like to express my preference for an elected mayor
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	My preference would be for a mayor. The current council leader is largely invisible to Leicester's population, elected as he/she is by council members. Extending this appointment to four years seems to be the worst of all worlds - the city's prime powerholder would then be unelected by the city's people yet serve for four years. Though there is a worry that the direct election of a mayor would play into the hands of those who are most media savvy, I think it would engage the electorate far more and give Leicester well recognised and accountable leadership.
City	Leader and Cabinet	I vote for leader and cabinet, there was supposed to have been a Referendum, Why hasn't there been? Needs to be re-presented in a years time.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A MAYOR VOTED FOR BY THE PEOPLE OF LEICESTER I AM NOT IN FAVOUR OF VOTE BY THE COUNCIL ALONE
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A Mayor elected by all the voters of the City As well as being fundamentally more democratic, the advantages of a mayoral system includes greater transparency, better accountability and more effective community leadership. Leicester will get an opportunity to bring new faces in leadership position. We support the idea of elected mayor for the city.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would prefer an elected Mayor and Cabinet. Why?

		When I came here from Holland, many, many years ago I could not understand your ineffective, figurehead 'Lord' mayor. I have lived with it but much prefer an elected one. I find there is very little reference to the future of the 'Lord's role. Perhaps it needs more clarification.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Elected Mayor and Cabinet—Yes Leader and Cabinet—No This would then perhaps bring democracy and stability back to public control.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I firmly believe in having an elected mayor who would be accountable to the electorate, not a handful of party political members.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would like the city council to be run by THE ELECTED MAYOR.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I support the move to an elected mayor
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	My absolute preference is for an elected mayor. As one of Europe's largest cities Leicester needs a new type of political leadership if it to make faster and more effective progress in economic growth and building successful communities. Most of the successful cities in the world have an executive mayor. So should Leicester.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I very much favour the option of an elected mayor rather than the Leader and Cabinet model As well as being fundamentally more democratic, the advantages of a mayoral system include greater transparency, better accountability and more effective community leadership.
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would like an elected Mayor. I would like to see an independent Mayor. Someone who could ask those awkward questions and not be ruled by politics. We have situations previously and at present which should never have been entered into but which no one is ever responsible for.

		Curve and Phoenix cost us 80 million and are floundering. De Montfort Hall is floundering just some examples where strong leadership may have influenced a different outcome.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I am in favour of an elected mayor and believe it will hopefully provide a more democratic approach to decision making within the council.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I fully support the proposal to introduce elected mayor for Leicester. Currently able to elect their Council and their Parliamentarians, but not their Mayor.</p> <p>An elected mayor system would benefit residents in three ways. It strengthens democracy through expanding accountability, it gives us the opportunity to increase devolution to Councillors and neighbourhoods and allows arguments for the scrutiny and ward-councillors roles to be properly recognised, supported and rewarded.</p>
City	Not specified	I prefer the current system to a directly elected mayor. I think a directly elected mayor would tend to put personalities before policies.
City	Leader and Cabinet	<p>I choose to have Council Leader and Cabinet, PLEASE DO NOT take the city down the road of having an elected mayor, it would be a disaster!</p> <p>Elected mayor for LCC would be a really bad mistake. First example: Mercury front page this week: "the 'Birch' wants to run for mayor. Second example: 'H Angus the monkey' Hartlepool mascot becomes mayor. BAD BAD BAD idea</p> <p>Also, please can the political parties / mercury / council NOT assume that this is a done deal, Everyone is manoeuvring towards an elected mayor even before this consultation is over.</p> <p>It is not a done deal, there WILL be opposition to it if it is seriously considered.</p>

		Thanks for listening.
City	Leader and Cabinet	<p>I do not want an elected Mayor (President) but a Leader chosen by the elected representatives, a "prime minister" in effect as at present. How can a single person rule if the Council is in opposition to them ? The bureaucracy of opposing factions is not want is wanted at these difficult financial times.</p> <p>Furthermore no Labour Council leader in my life time spent living in the City (65 years) - and it will be a Labour winner - has been above merely adequate, as is born out by the countless blunders undertaken during their 'leaderships'.</p> <p>The Curve !!!! De Montfort Hall !! The Phoenix !! Bow Bridge !! The proposed 'donation' by Peter Soulsby of Western Park to a group of Ech Zoo dreamers. No Art Gallery, no Museum of Modern Art.</p> <p>In short a City of modest facilities does not need an egotist to run it at a time central Government will be doing all the important things (Education, Health, Policing etc.).</p> <p>Please not more waste.</p>
City	Not specified	<p>I am e mailing to say that I cannot support the option of an elected Mayor for Leicester. The reason for this is because I feel strongly that it should be the people of Leicester to decide in a referendum first whether they wish to change the system in Leicester or not. It is undemocratic for the current Labour administration of the Council to decide. I feel also this consultation is flawed as it has not been widely publicised and is too short a timescale for such a significant change. Such a change requires a clear mandate from the electorate.</p>
Postcode not	Not specified	(Emailed three times. All comments collated here.)

<p>given</p>	<p>I am opposed to the idea of an elected mayor especially one who can choose his or her own team.</p> <p>I am further opposed to this being driven through undemocratically without a referendum. The consultation is a farce and open to fraudulent behaviour.</p> <p>Stoke on Trent had an elected mayor and later decided to go back to the previous system. If anyone remains in doubt about dangers attached to domination of Leicester city council by an elected mayor with a small team of his or her own choice , one has only to look at how the process is driven by a small group denying the people of Leicester a democratic referendum.</p> <p>The public consultation is a hoot. Does anyone really expect that this will reverse a decision already made to have an elected mayor? The methods by which people are invited to respond to the consultation including via the coupon published in the Leicester Mercury and particularly by the internet are not water-tight. Councillors have gone to prison in Bradford because of electoral fraud and I recall a judge likening the UK to a banana republic as a result of postal voting fraud.</p> <p>Of course all might be above board in the next few weeks in Leicester and a paragon of virtue might be elected but clearly there is risk. I remember when I was deeply involved in the campaign to prevent John Prescott's wish to have have an elected Regional Assembly in the north east of England, the government conducted a public consultation. The result, they claimed, was in favour but when investigated, it was discovered that not only had a tiny number of the population responded but those who had dissented were included in favour of an elected Assembly. What the government had done was to roll in together everyone who had responded whether for or against and quoted everyone as "showing an interest" to support what was wanted from the outset.</p> <p>With people confused and not being aware of the difference between a Mayor and a Lord Mayor for Leicester, and with bias already in evidence, it is clear the bandwagon is already moving with eager candidates ready to win and be driven around Leicester and entertained in style.</p>
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Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Preference – Elected Mayor
Not City	Not specified	I would prefer not to have an elected mayor.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>Given a choice I would keep the Leader and Cabinet but would wish the public to vote for the Leader of the Council from all available Councillors. Has anyone thought of this? I would also like the elected Councillors to vote for a Lord Mayor from all elected Councillors not just 'it's buggins turn' regardless of their politics. In other words we want the best person for the job.</p> <p>As I cannot have the above I will vote for an Elected Mayor. LE2 3JW.</p>
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>The wish is for a Directly elected Mayor and Cabinet, The suggestion would also be that the number of councillors (presently 54) should be reduced. Whilst appreciating that some areas are more densely populated than others, 2 councillors per district is plenty.</p>

City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We myself and my mum are keen to have an elected mayor please
Not City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would prefer to have an elected Mayor for Leicester. Reason; It will give the people of Leicester the chance to have a Mayor that they want and not have one imposed on them who would be working for the good of the city and not for any one party.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	ELECTED MAYOR & CABINET
City	Not specified	I rather think four years is too long. (Personal comment removed.) For that reason, I'm happy to continue with the current system.
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I am writing to confirm that I strongly support the move to an elected Mayor for Leicester.
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This is a difficult choice. The City Council has an unimpressive record in moving Leicester forward and too often individual Councillors have seemed more concerned with the narrow interests of their constituencies rather than trying to act in the best interests of moving the city as a whole forward. We have had decades of apparent dithering and slow progress, with some improvement more recently. Perhaps having a four year period of office for the leader would improve stability, though there is clearly no guarantee of it. An elected mayor would ideally be free of party political ties and would be elected on a mandate to move the city forward in declared directions. There is a risk that someone with 'celebrity status' but not necessarily much relevant experience may be elected, especially if the field of candidates is weak. It is not clear how powers would be shared between the Mayor and the Council, but presumably the mayor would have significant authority. Four years is probably a reasonable term from the perspective of being able to deliver significant change. On balance my preference is for the elected mayor.

City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We would both prefer an Elected Mayor and Cabinet. We believe this is the way forward.
City	Leader and Cabinet	I would prefer a leader who is accountable and can be removed rather than a mayor. I feel that a mayor would be more of a personality contest than a political decision. Already one of the candidates mentioned for mayoral candidate is an ex-football manager of Leicester City Football Club, the only reason that he is in the running is because he was successful at managing the football club – (personal comment removed), and yet he would get a lot of public votes because he is a popular face. The good thing about the current system is that it is a political decision taken within a political process, people are elected largely on their policies for their location. The other reason for not having a Leicester Mayor is that it goes against the localism agenda.
Postcode not given	Not specified	I feel a referendum is the only way forward and it seems the people in power are trying to push this through whatever the general public's opinion, typical of L.C.C.

Responses received by phone

Postcode not given	Not specified	<p>Mr MM phoned up and requested that his views be passed onto the consultation.</p> <p>He felt that there wasn't enough time given over to the consultation, to enable people from all communities in the city to take part in it. He felt that this didn't reflect well on the political administration to give such a little amount of time for discussion and debate on the wider issues around having a mayor.</p> <p>He did not give a preference with regard to a leader or mayor.</p>
Postcode not given	Not specified	<p>I took a call from MK from 'Sunni Muslim UK' who did not state a preference around the new executive arrangements but asked that his views be incorporated within the consultation.</p> <p>He felt that the length of the consultation period was unsatisfactory, and as he was a recipient of a letter that went out last week, he claimed to have less than one week to respond. He felt that this was particularly difficult for him to consult with others within his organisation within these time scales.</p> <p>He further felt that the local media coverage around the consultation was poor.</p>
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I have also taken a call from a Mr T. He claimed to have difficulties submitting his response online, so phoned through to state a preference for elected mayor.</p>
City	Leader and Cabinet	<p>A lady with the post code, xxx has rang in and stated her preference for Leader and Cabinet and not an Elected Mayor. Her reasons for this were that a mayor would still be in office even if they were not performing well and could not be removed however a leader could be removed if</p>

		they were not performing well
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A man from xxx rang in to say that his preferred model was elected mayor.
City	Leader and Cabinet	A lady with the post code, xxx has rang in and stated her preference for Leader and Cabinet and not an Elected Mayor. Her reasons for this were that a mayor would still be in office even if they were not performing well and could not be removed however a leader could be removed if they were not performing well.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	In response to radio interview 6 Dec - Elected Mayor and Cabinet
City	Not specified	Not in favour of elected mayor.
City	Leader and Cabinet	I had a telephone conversation earlier with a man from xxx who stated a preference for the Leader and Cabinet Model.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Prefer leader & Cabinet.

Community Meeting distribution letter responses
All from community and business addresses within the city

Preference	Comment
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	In the hope that there will be less party politics in local government and more action on behalf of the council tax payers.
Not clear stated Leader and Cabinet – for one year term	I think the current arrangement should continue – annual election, with opportunity for re-election promotes more accountability.
Leader and Cabinet	Elected Mayor = more expensive, more increase in Council Tax – Mayor require more or NEW office space. More staff, expensive cars – special privileges – Council Tax payers monies will be wasted left right and centre. At present no value for money, it will never improve so wasteful and unaccountable.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Hopefully an elected mayor would not be embroiled in party politics and would be able to take an overview of events ensuring that the best interests of residents would be served.
Leader and Cabinet	I have previously lived in another area of the country with an elected mayor and know from that experience how costly that option is. Financially “elected mayors” are paid a high sum and I feel that money could be spent more effectively.
Leader and Cabinet	I used to live in a Council flat in Auckland, New Zealand as I was employed by Auckland City Council. Then: they elected a <u>mayor</u> , Les Mills, an ex-Olympic shot-putter, full of his own importance, who decided in his wisdom, that Auckland needed an even larger marina, to accommodate all the rich boys and their toys – meaning yachts, so that we could host the

	<p>Americas Cup, and international yacht race. And how did he decide how to raise the necessary millions of dollars, simple! He sold every single council property in Auckland – mainly to Chinese and Japanese investors. We tenants could do nothing. We held meetings attended by a local politician, protest meetings night time vigils, culminating in a handful of those of us who had lived peacefully for 30 or 40 years, were turned out onto the streets. I at least had the option of coming back to England in 1997, where my first year here was dire, living with an alcoholic sister who hanged herself. Then Leicester City Council gave me a bungalow, housing benefit, and a great deal of kindness. I still have friends in Auckland, who are really suffering financial hardship, renting in the private sector at four times the amount that we had before. Many died in abject poverty, because of the whim of a mayor who was too big for his boots. Thank God that couldn't happen here – could it? Don't ask me to even contemplate the reign of terror of such an appointment. Auckland is now mainly owned by Chinese and Japanese corporations. And of course you can have my name and address.</p>
Leader and Cabinet	<p>I prefer a system where someone is elected and accountable. If they do not achieve results they can be replaced and if they do re-election is transparent. He/she also relies on support of his./her elected representatives.</p>
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>Elected Mayor would be apolitical.</p>
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I prefer this option as an elected mayor would have the power to get things done in the city, over a longer period of time.</p>
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>An elected mayor provides someone who is democratically elected but who is clearly held to account for their action/inaction every four years.</p>
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Because he cares people - The Lord Mayor helps me - Looks after people well

Not clear - stated Elected Mayor and Cabinet	No expensive election Appoint Mayor as previously done
Leader and Cabinet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is not democratic to place a large amount of power in one person's hands - It should <u>always</u> be possible to remove <u>any</u> elected representative if the public are dissatisfied with their performance or behaviour!
Leader and Cabinet	Too much power in one person.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Person we elected can do more work because he/she will know what community requirement. Also he/she can work with community to get better results.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It is more democratically accountable.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Leader of Council must be directly approved by the people, in whose trust the Cabinet will be more responsible. 5 yearly fixed date elections should be held to coincide with General Election to save cost. People will be able to remove a corrupt mayor. NB The mayor must take oath on TV so the people know where the mayor stands while serving the people.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Fresh face, fresh ideas, no one leader in office for 4 years. Once they get their "feet under the table" it's like a "job for life." New rules, new reform.
Leader and Cabinet	I prefer the option of Leader and Cabinet because I think the other option would give too much autonomy to one individual.

Leader and Cabinet	I believe an elected mayor and cabinet gives too much political control to a small number of people and the risk of the loss of basic freedoms.
Leader and Cabinet	I don't see the point of a different democratic system than the one we have. It would cost a fortune to change and not achieve much difference. Good luck.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Best leadership option for taking Leicester forward. Encourage inward investment, and entrance its standing among rival regional cities. In place for four years – will provide the necessary standing and confidence to investors.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The present system has worked over the years. 2) The decision for change was too hasty & without giving the citizens of Leicester the opportunity to vote on the matter either by referendum or at time of Council elections. 3) In my view, much more consultation is necessary.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think an elected mayor would be a good step forward for such a progressive/diverse city as Leicester is striving to be. The public would feel they have a direct impact on what goes on.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It is the most simple option, people will be able to know what decisions are being made for the good of the city. He or she will stand out in the city at various events.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think this would be great for Leicester, make us stand out form other cities. I would like someone who is form Leicester and has the best interest of Leicester at heart for instance Alan Birchenall.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Maybe people will actually turn out to vote for a mayor and the “club” that is the current cabinet could become more democratic.
Elected Mayor	This would be the most interesting proposition – more American in style. It would be good that

and Cabinet	the mayor would be separate & distinct form the councillors – it would be an opportunity for a popular local person to make a real difference for the city.
Leader and Cabinet	Now is not the time to change things too much.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Lord Mayor but cut the spending down, it could go to better needs.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I've chosen this option because if the mayor is not as he/she should be he can be removed quicker as his term of office is shorter.
Not stated	I cannot fill in the choices you suggest. The information is minimal. A tick cannot give a full consideration. What is the salary of a leader and cabinet? What is the salary of a mayor and cabinet? The time scale of this enquiry is far too short.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	To have a more independent body working for the people of Leicester and the local community as a whole.
Leader and Cabinet	Because the leader can be removed inside the term of office. If all and sundry stand for the position of Mayor it is possible an unsuitable candidate is elected – he's stuck for 4 years.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Good examples have been set by Elected Mayor.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The decision is left up to the voters and the Mayor would be non-partisan and work for the voters and not his/her cohorts in the council. The position is far more transparent, when there is an elected leader.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Speed up decision making – decisions not just made along party political lines.
Elected Mayor	People with experience of handling large budgets, staff & understanding business must be best

and Cabinet	suited to the position, as running the council is on a par to running a complex company – and they should come from a background with appropriate training – value for tax payers money. Less waste – continuing good care for those in need – not those who play the system.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	For the first time I can really have some say in the way decisions are taken concerning commerce, arts, transport are made. If, after two years I am dissatisfied I, and others, can seek a re-election!
Leader and Cabinet	I feel that having an elected mayor, who is not a Cllr would lead to confusion and delay in decision making. It is already difficult to balance the needs of the business against the wishes of some councillors and so to have a third party in the mix would only make things worse. I also feel that in this time of cutbacks it is an insult to hard working people to even consider another salary or of unpaid, heavy expenses drain our budgets.
Leader and Cabinet	Minimizes potential corruption
No preference	Why is a referendum not an option? Are we being run by a dictatorship? If not let the people decide. At the next Council elections in May. That would let democracy decide the way forward.
Leader and Cabinet	Any elected mayor would have too much power in the hands of one person. It would involve a move towards a more celebrity culture. The present system is better.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It will be more fairer.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The Elected Mayor & Cabinet has worked very well & I can see no reason to change this. A Mayor adds dignity to the city and events – it would be a great pity to lose this.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think it would be a good idea to give this a trial period.

Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Time for an update.
Leader and Cabinet	Why change a system that works?
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Leader must accountability to city residents not party.
Leader and Cabinet	The group I represent are worried that an elected mayor would not be removable before 4 years.
Leader and Cabinet	“Councillors have agreed to a wide –ranging public consultation.” – this is a legality. 11 (eleven) day consultation period? Heavy media coverage re prospective mayor candidates. Residents able to vote on line – if they know about the consultation period & have access to a computer – many don’t. This whole consultation process is a farce. We need a referendum. That’s democratic.
No preference	At this stage I find it difficult to choose an option because we haven’t been given sufficient information about the role of an elected mayor. My decision would also be influenced by the quality and experience of the candidates required to take over this role.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It should increase interest in civic affairs generally and local government in particular (Civic Society is in need of regeneration and this development would counter the democratic deficit (low turnouts(and go with the grain of the localism agenda. Election should not be by the crude first past the post system.
Leader and Cabinet	Prefer like the way it is at the moment. Prefer the mayor to operate for 1 year as at present – it’s always good to see what individual qualities each mayor brings.
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Because the residents would have more choice of person to vote for to have their say in the running of the city because other cities who have elected mayors are being run very well.
Elected Mayor	It si now most appropriate for Leicester to have an elected mayor. Well done to the LCC for

and Cabinet	moving on this. The least money we spend the better.
No preference	No comments
Elected Mayor and Cabinet	No comments
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Comments made on Leicester Mercury response slips

Location	PREFERENCE	COMMENTS
City	Leader and Cabinet	Too much power given to one person. The people should have a referendum on this issue.
City	No preference	I do not think we should have an elected mayor. If we must (which is a given now) I would prefer a new name – Director?
Not city	Leader and Cabinet	I have always found the present system works well so why change it?
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	Don't need any more expense.
Not city	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Head of the city. To represent the city at formal occasions ie meeting royalty etc. election by democratic means in British tradition. Would be voted into office on merit by voters an not colleagues for advantages.
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor would have too much power and could not be removed if he/she proved to be inadequate.
City	Leader and Cabinet	
City	Leader and Cabinet	Why pay someone large amount of money for 4 years when Lord Mayor will do job at no extra cost. Too much power for too long.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think a mayor would have a high profile. He would be more publicly “recognisable.”
City	Not specified	Keep things as they are
City	Leader and	Another unwanted and unnecessary trough for greedy pigs to get their snouts in. Unnecessary

	Cabinet	because it would duplicate services with the possibility of two warring factions. Unwanted because of the extra cost, ignoring present economic climate.
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I agree it's time, we the voters, had the chance to vote for a system like this. And select a local citizen who's in touch with what the City people want.
Postcode not given	Leader and Cabinet	More stable and democratic. Prevents cliques becoming too powerful.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Too much unrestrained power attaches to a single individual in the elected mayor system of governance. Leadership could degenerate into dictatorship.
City	Leader and Cabinet	The fact that an elected mayor could not be removed for 4 years and could have an agenda different from the council majority, leading to conflict and impasse.
Not city	Leader and Cabinet	Do not trust elected mayor idea.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Let the people decide by a city-wide referendum. Please ensure that past councillors do not have their way – we want neither Soulsby nor Vaz nor Willmott.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Who decided when. More information required. Why so quick. Something to hide. Leicester citizens only. Re consultation for elected mayor for Leicester City. I wish to make the following observations as a Council Tax payer for Leicester City. 1) In a democracy it should be the right that citizens of Leicester should decide by referendum if a mayor was required. This has not been carried out and by using the local newspaper which is not taken by all the citizens of Leicester but has a circulation of a

		<p>much larger area will I suspect lead to a flawed reply.</p> <p>2) The Councillors could leave themselves open to possible legal challenges.</p> <p>3) Your consultation document has no mention of remuneration for the mayor and in the current climate if we can afford it.</p> <p>4) If a mayor was elected, will this mean the political leader has his remuneration reduced.</p> <p>5) The fact you require the “consultation” completed by Dec 6th says lot, done deal, the councillors ordered to agree, don’t tell the electorate how much this is going to cost them, treat them like idiots.</p> <p>6) If you are incapable of running the city properly without trying to fool them resign and let some one else try.</p> <p>Yours in disgust.</p>
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	So they are democratically accountable for decisions.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Leader/Cabinet system allows full Council real hold over executive emphasis on collective power, rather than personality politics.
City	Leader and Cabinet	A directly elected mayor could lead to complete paralysis with (say) a Conservative mayor and a Labour controlled Council. A mayor cannot be removed for 4 years however incompetent he or she turns out to be, whereas a leader can. A leader is also accountable to the political party he or she belongs to.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Insufficient consultation period of time in which to make a sound decision on an elected mayor and Cabinet.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I believe it is more democratic for the electors to choose the mayor not the politicians.
City	Leader and	The position of Mayor should not be considered until a referendum is held and at least fifty per

	Cabinet	cent of the electorate is in favour of this position.
City	Leader and Cabinet	<p>An elected mayor would have too much power; be less democratic as he wouldn't have to answer to the elected council.</p> <p>Direct election of mayor is likely to attract people with; <u>a big ego</u> money to finance an expensive campaign a wish to further their own pet or business interests or the interests of their own ethnic, religious, social or business group.</p> <p>Such a person could do a lost of damage within one term of office.</p> <p>Voters would not know enough about each candidate to make a proper, informed choice. There are far more safeguards in the present system and I believe that it serves citizens' interests better.</p>
City	Leader and Cabinet	Elected Mayor may assume more power and influence than granted by the election. This could be a bigger disaster then at the moment.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The Mayor should be decided by the 'people' not the political parties.
City	Leader and Cabinet	The Mayor would have too much power. A wrong one could use his/her authority to favour one religious community over the others.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The city needs to be represented by someone familiar with and respected by Westminster and Whitehall. In order to obtain maximum benefit for the city from its dealings with the central government.
Not City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Someone independent of ruling party.
City	Leader and Cabinet	One man in power with his own choice of Cabinet leaves the whole process open to political bias and possible abuse of the position.
No postcode	Leader and	A Elected Mayor would be another parasite the Council Tax payer would have to pay for.

given	Cabinet	
Not City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	An elected mayor whether affiliated to a political party or not should be able to work with all parties and other organisations and act as a true ambassador for the city.
Not City	Leader and Cabinet	It's a more democratic process. An Elected Mayor is too insular looking. It's a waste of money. Leicestershire would be better off without the present mayor who's a disgrace.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	One person shouldn't be responsible for running the city. I would prefer it to stay as it is now.
Not City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	
City	Leader and Cabinet	The current system works well and I see no reason why concentrating power into one role would improve things there is also the cost of setting up a mayor's office to consider as well. A final point is that personality politics will dominate mayoral elections which is not good for democracy.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Most democratic option. Elected Leader would have too much power and no-one to answer to if elected for a 4 year term.
No postcode given	Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor would give too much power to one person. Also, we cannot afford to pay an elected mayor's salary.
Not City	Leader and Cabinet	Above preference because an elected mayor would be unfamiliar with council practices.
Not City	Leader and Cabinet	I feel that it would be unwise to give the suggested authority to an elected mayor and his cabinet as a politically motivated group could direct the Council's policies for 4 years.
Not City	Leader and Cabinet	I prefer a leader and cabinet to make decisions. It seems to me a fairer system.
City	No preference	Present system fully satisfactory. NO CHANGE NEEDED.
Not City	Leader and Cabinet	Because it allows the councils leaders to be removed through a resolution of full council.
Not City	Leader and	I've seen the controversy created by the London Mayor.

	Cabinet	
City	Leader and Cabinet	Too much power in one mans hands. Need a referendum. What controls would be in place to stop nepotism and favouritism? No change needed.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Assuming that proper procedures are followed, an elected mayor will give a more balanced and democratic control of the city. Why such little time?
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Elected by whole community rather than by councillors.
City	Leader and Cabinet	One man should no control everything, including the budget. A cabinet election is much fairer.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Elected mayor is not a proven best option in other cities. There should be a referendum to determine the will of the people of the city. A four year term is too long. Too much power and influence in one individual. Undermines democratic processes as decision is being pushed through.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Because I think a mayor should last longer than one year, mayors in other European countries are in office for a number of years. Also we'll know more about that person.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Possible conflict between Elected Mayor and controlling party.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Unnecessary expense.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Having an elected mayor puts too much power in the hands of one person. I am not sure that the citizens will choose wisely.
City	Leader and Cabinet	I think an elected mayor would be an unnecessary extra expense in this time of extra cut backs.
No postcode given	Not specified	We do not need yet another freeloader junketing at the ratepayers' expense.
City	Leader and Cabinet	

City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We need a true “born and bred” Leicester man who will lead our proud City in the way it should go. I am honestly sick of incomers who seek self-endorsement.
City	Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor would have too much power for too long without the required experience.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Position to be outside of party politics and to also incorporate position of traditional mayor.
City	Leader and Cabinet	I don’t agree with the one person making all the decisions. We think it would be a bad choice for the citizens of Leicester.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Elected mayor would have too much power for too long and could be completely unsuitable.
City	Not specified	How can we make an informed decision with so little information and in so short a time? What happens, for example, if the Mayor is completely at odds with the rest of the Cabinet?
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It would encourage a wider participation of people into politics and selection of better candidates fit for purpose.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Less expensive. How do you get rid of a ‘Nut Case’? Leicester had poor record of Council Leaders, why make it worse.
City	Leader and Cabinet	It will cost more money i.e. Mayors salary will be high plus support staff – there <u>will</u> be new ones. <u>Also</u> the government recommended a referendum for new systems. Why no referendum? Consultation time not long enough.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The free choice of candidates.
City	Leader and Cabinet	I think an elected mayor confuses the democratic process.
City	Leader and Cabinet	Current experience decides against unremovable 4 years of power. No rush to ape American practice.
Not City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	
City	Leader and Cabinet	

Comments received via group responses

Group	Preference	Comments
Chamber of Commerce	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>On behalf of the Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce, I would like to advise you of the results of our formal consultation with members, based within the city boundary, on the two different political models being proposed to run Leicester City Council, as set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.</p> <p>In favour of: A Leader and Cabinet 22% A Directly Elected Mayor and Cabinet 78%</p> <p>Therefore, based on the wishes of our members, the Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce will fully support the introduction of a Directly Elected Mayor and Cabinet to run Leicester City Council. In pursuance of this policy, we would like to see the new arrangements put in place in time for the Local Government Elections on Thursday 5th May 2011, with the Elected Mayor taking control on 8th May 2011.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Ruth Ingram President</p>
Daman Community	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>I am writing regarding the consultation on an elected mayor in Leicester. I fully support the system of Elected Mayor and welcome the decision by the Council to hold a consultation. This crucially allows the city's electorate to voice their opinions on an important change.</p>

		<p>I fell the move to a system of an Elected Mayor and cabinet would allow the electorate to have a greater say over the initiatives for the city and that it would provide us with a direct role in the election of that person.</p> <p>This option will also provide the successful mayor with the necessary powers to initiate and develop the required work programmes, without the usual bureaucratic boundary disputes which characterise the current arrangements.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Luis Fonseca On behalf of the Daman Community, Leicester.</p>
Consultation with young people	4: Elected Mayor and Cabinet; 1: Leader and Cabinet	<p>A consultation session for first time voters in May 2011 was held on Saturday 4 December facilitated by Youth Services and attended by an officer from Democratic Support. 5 young people from varying backgrounds and with differing levels of initial knowledge of the consultation and options gave up their own time attend to attend the session between 11.30am - 2.30pm.</p> <p>A short presentation was given which covered the reasons for making the decision, what the 2 options would look like, other Local Authorities that had opted for Elected Mayor, how the decision would be made in Leicester and how the public were being consulted. This was followed by many questions from the group then a discussion with the group on what they thought the pros and cons of each model were. The group then had 3 options in terms of feedback:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They could each write down their preferred option (Leader/Mayor/No preference) with reason for why and not share with group. 2) They could discuss and come to group consensus with one overall decision to feedback. 3) They could each openly state their preferred option and give their reasons for why. <p>The group decided on the third option and gave the following feedback:</p>

		<p>Adam (18, Humberstone) Option chosen: Elected Mayor "It will lead to greater debate and compromise in Local Authority decision making. It's more democratic."</p> <p>Michael (18, Leicester Forest East) Option chosen: Strong Leader "It's a similar model to the existing model and I don't like change."</p> <p>Mu-hamid (18, Highfields) Option chosen: Elected Mayor "More democratic, more transparent and chosen by the public."</p> <p>Faisal (17, Evington) Option chosen: Elected Mayor "Publically elected. More likely to get the public and especially young people involved."</p> <p>Fatima (18, Evington) Option chosen: Elected Mayor "Public taking responsibility for choosing its own leadership. An elected mayor is more politically neutral."</p>
<p>Knighton Community Meeting</p>	<p>Leader and Cabinet</p>	<p>Minute Extract: "The subject of a directly elected mayor was raised by residents under AOUB and the chair permitted a discussion on the subject. There was a general sense that the consultation was not well known amongst the public in Leicester, and that information provided by the Council was poor. The short length of consultation was seen by the majority as a significant flaw in the process. Asked to indicate their preference for either an Elected Mayor or Strong Leader model the majority supported the Strong Leader by a ratio of about 8 to 1."</p>

Westcotes Community Meeting	Not specified	<p>Minute extract: “Councillor Russell advised that a consultation on whether the City should have either an elected Mayor or strong Leader form of governance was underway and would close on 6 December 2010. Information on the consultation was available on the website and had been distributed to libraries.</p> <p>The Ward Members then explained the proposals and answered questions about the new system:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This consultation was being undertaken as the Council was required to make a decision by the end of the current Council year on the way that the Council would be managed in the future; • Two options were available:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Leader elected by Councillors from the majority group for a period of four years; or ○ A Mayor elected by the electorate of the City for a period of four years. • An elected Mayor would have the same powers those currently held by the Leader of the Council; • An elected Mayor would select a Cabinet from the pool of Councillors. They did not all have to be from the same group; • An elected Leader could be required by the other Councillors to stand for re-election before the four year term of office was finished; • An elected Mayor could be required to stand for re-election if requisitioned by a percentage of the electorate. (In the case of Leicester, this would be several
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		<p>thousand people);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government soon would publish its Localism Bill, which it was thought could give the elected Mayor greater powers, such as giving the elected Mayor powers over the police and fire authorities; and • At present, it was not known how much the cost of this change would be. <p>In response to a question, the Ward Councillors explained that the government had placed a limit on the amount that candidates could spend on their election campaign. This equated to either the amount that could be spent for a local election multiplied by the number of Wards in the City (22), or three times the amount that could be spent for a parliamentary election.</p> <p>Some concern was expressed that this could give local businesses an advantage, as ordinary people would not be able to afford these amounts, so could not afford to stand for election for Mayor. In reply, it was noted that, although anyone could put themselves forward for election, it was likely that each of the political groups currently represented on the Council would be putting forward a candidate.</p> <p>The Ward Members advised the meeting that there would be two Special Meetings of Council to consider this matter further, these being held on 9 and 22 December 2010 and urged everyone to make their views known to the Council during the consultation period.”</p>
Highfields Area Forum	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	<p>Following the Highfields Area Forum (HAF) meeting held on Monday 29th November 2010, I’ve been asked to bring the following item to your attention:</p> <p>Elected Mayor or Council Leader –following some discussion, it was agreed to support the elected mayor option, primarily due to the coherence this position will bring to the leadership of the Council and the direct involvement of residents in electing that person. There was some concern over the relatively short consultation period but this</p>

		<p>was understood in the context of the savings effected by holding the mayoral election at the same time as next May's local authority elections and the avoidance of paralysis within the city council caused by the uncertainties which will arise if a referendum was to be held at a later stage.</p> <p>HAF members were also encouraged to participate in the current consultation being undertaken by the city council.</p> <p>Best wishes, Priya Thamotheram Vice Chair Highfields Area Forum</p>
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Responses by letter

Location	PREFERENCE	COMMENTS
City	Not specified	Dear Sir With reference to the consultation. It is very worrying for the Labour Group to be seen to be acting in a very undemocratic manner. It is surely much safer if there is a referendum to decide whether there is to be an elected Mayor or a Council Leader for 4 years. A major changer in how our city is governed should not be decided by a group of Councillors, acting without the consent of the electorate. Why can we not have a referendum on May 5 th ? Our city is made up of communities, it is essential that they are all seen to be well served.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would like to give my support to an elected mayor model for Leicester
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer the Elected Mayor model of local governance.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I wish to support the Elected Mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	My preference is the Elected Mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer the Elected Mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would want an Elected Mayor for Leicester.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	My preference is the Elected Mayor model of governance for Leicester
Postcode not given	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer the Elected Mayor model.

City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer the Elected Mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I am supporting Leicester City to have an Elected Mayor.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I am supporting Leicester City to have an Elected Mayor.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I am supporting Leicester City to have an Elected Mayor.
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City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I am supporting Leicester City to have an Elected Mayor.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Please note that I would like to support the elected mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Please note that I would like to support the elected mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Please note that I would like to support the elected mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I wish to support the Elected Mayor model for Leicester.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I support the Elected mayor model.
City	Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to be involved in this consultation. We feel the option for an elected mayoral system will help provide the successful mayor with the power to initiate and develop the required work programmes. We understand the reasons for the short time scale in which this process is being conducted

		and welcome the decision to involve the City's electorate in this important development. We fully support the proposal for an elected mayor with cabinet in Leicester.
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RESPONSES RECEIVED VIA WEB CONSULTATION PAGE

Time	Please tell us your preference by choosing one of the options.	Please tell us why you prefer this option.	Duplicate IP	IP Notes	IP Queried
25/11/10 17:47	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	too many councillors sponging off the taxpayer.	Y	Untraceable	
01/12/10 13:18	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	i beleive the best option to be one which allows for the longest serving councillor to continue to be honored for there contribution by serving as the Lord Mayor with a leader and cabinet determining policy.i fear what may happen is great deal of resources will be wasted at the end of the four year term trying to get people into power rather than looking at the needs of the city.	Y	Untraceable	
29/11/10 11:55	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	status quo in lieu of a proper referendum			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because he/she will be more answerable to the people of Leicester rather tnan someone who cannot be removed by anyone for fout years.			
27/11/10 00:35	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Until this March I used to live in Torquay (Devon) which has an elected mayor (elected by default - not many people voted) who was, quite frankly, completely useless, being more attentive to the needs of the business community rather than balancing them with the needs of the council tax payers, but being elected for four years could not be removed. It is much better to have a leader and cabinet who realise that they are responsible to the electorate, and so pay attention to their needs and demands. God help Leicester if we had an elected mayor who, although not supposed to be partisan, was a Tory - or worse - at heart.....			

25/11/10 17:45	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	One person accountable and able to make quicker progress.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
03/12/10 12:56	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor would consolidate too much power into a single individual (and his buddies) for too long a term.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	At the moment the people who run Leicester are largely faceless and having an elected mayor would provide an identifiable leader to take responsibility for issues in the city.			
06/12/10 13:29	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Democratic			
01/12/10 09:04	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I feel that the present system gives some chance of 'control' over the head of the city administration, albeit through the Council. The other gives no check at all. Furthermore there will be inevitable confusion between the 'elected Mayor' and the 'ceremonial Lord Mayor'.			
03/12/10 14:18	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Protection of the post holder from a council revolt, provides in my opinion better consistency over the 4 years. Also a direct democratic appointment by the public for the leader's post opposed to the council making the choice who should lead.			
02/12/10 11:07	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Its an ELECTED leader			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Strong Leadership of the City facilitating investment. Mayor will be elected by the whole city for the city.	Y	De Montfort University IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	good for democracy	Y	De Montfort University IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	People choice	Y	De Montfort University IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	De Montfort University IP	
02/12/10 11:50	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	less protection for an inept leader.	Y	De Montfort University IP	
Nov 22 2010	No preference	Though I think the Elected Mayor is a good idea and could work in Leicester I have indicated "no preference" to register my protest at the way this decision has been made without referendum to allow the people of Leicester to decide.			

29/11/10 14:44	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	We absolutely need the option of being able to kick a useless Mayor out on their butt.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	All Voters can choose the leader rather than selected few members electing the leader. Greater accountability.			
29/11/10 13:19	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic rather than having a mayor appointed depending on who's turn it is!			
30/11/10 12:07	No preference	I WOULD GO FOR THE MAYOR BUT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE REMOVED DURING THE 4 YEARS IF NECESSARY.			
27/11/10 17:32	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is more democratic			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The current solution is not working for Leicester. Leicester needs a real champion and highly committed individual to change the city for the better. There is so much that needs to be tackled. We need the historic fabric of the city to be preerved and enhanced. Having a largely empty castle precinct and Magazine Gateway is a disgrace. We need a leader to address these issues. Retail in the city centre is disjointed. the potential for retail and other leisure uses in the city centre is enormous. Far smaller places have a better offer than Leicester. Transport is a major issue in Leicester. We need one person to tackle the issue head on. The bus network is poor and parking in the city centre is too expensive. Too many businesses in the city centre have inadequate parking. Leicester needs to fight back against out of town retail and business, otherwise the city centre will gradually die. We need someone who will put the city on the map. We need a team that will fight tooth and nail to improve our city. An Elected Mayor and Cabinet is a must!			

26/11/10 09:33	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	An Elected Mayor is accountable to the public not councillors and it would therefor be more democratic. It is also more likely that an Elected Mayor would act in the interest of the city's residents and hold the City Council/Councillors accountable as there will be no need to try to 'woo' councillors for their vote.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Less expense and less opportunity for bolstering egos			
01/12/10 14:23	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We would like a say in the identity of the mayor - simple as that			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Democracy!			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
01/12/10 12:31	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	We spend enough money on executives etc without adding to the costs. The Leader and Cabinet are doing ok now without a new figurehead dictating policy.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode, however different comments	Y
02/12/10 10:37	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	1. I very much against an elected mayor for the City. The example in Harlepool when the local club mascot, a man dressed as a monkey, was elected! 2. To much power put into one persons hands leading to possible extremist holding power. The example in the ENP and BNP could stand and be elect because of the appathy of the majority that donot vote. At least with present system extremist can be control. 3. Elected personalities may prevail, for example Alan Birchenall from Leicester City will be more popular than Sir Peter Soulsby.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode, however different comments	Y
06/12/10 08:28	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
26/11/10 13:03	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	accountability and fairness			

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
30/11/10 17:04	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Who ever can complete an agenda and would be independent of any party, I hope.			
04/12/10 22:49	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	A Leader should be more directly linked to the functioning of the council than an elected mayor that could be dangerously close to being a figure head and more able to abuse their permission. Councillors are more likely to appoint a suitably experienced person than voters who will go on the strength of publicity?			
26/11/10 12:23	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Stronger and clearer and more accountable leadership. An elected Mayor will be able to offer unambiguous protection and support to Leicester people against the coalition governments cuts programme			
24/11/10 22:24	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because there has not been enough time for a full consultant. Keep the status quo in order to fully explore the options.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I like the ability to democratically choose the Mayor and Leader of the Cabinet as opposed to them choosing for me. Also I like the option of the referendum for removal as opposed to the Cabinet voting.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	more fair and able to have our say			
25/11/10 11:28		An elected mayor will be a leader and a figurehead for Leicester, inspiring confidence within the city and for potential investors. She or he will represent the City, not the City Council and will have a mandate from the citizens not only a handful of local councillors.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	At the present time members of the public have no say on who is running the Council. With a directly elected Mayor that would change. Also the selection process should include people outside the City Boundaries to improve the quality and choice of the potential mayor.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Allows citizens of Leicester to choose somebody they have confidence in. The elected mayor is likely to more proactive and fierce in his improvements.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I believe that, with the spending cuts we are facing, we cannot afford to have an elected mayor at the moment.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	To be elected by residents (for local people to have a say) and for decisions to become less polically biased (based).	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Directly elected mayor has more accountability to the electorate and could possibly free decision making, often made with political bias, for the benefit of the city and not the political party.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Elected mayor by the people of leicester	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Citizens have more say using this option - we appoint cabinet and they appoint the Leader. If we have a Mayor, we have only appointed 1 person who will then go ahead and appoint the remainder of the cabinet.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	No preference		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More stability in the decision making process as major would be elected for four years at a time rather elected each year.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Trouble of removing an Elected Mayor if he is inappropriate. A leader is elected from those from amongst the elected councillor hence making the process a lot more transparent.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	more democratic, leader can be removed. Do not trust concentration of authority in one individual elected for 4 years with no accountability in the interim period	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	You can change a leader	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Leicester needs a strong, progressive leadership to balance the vacillation in local political, patronage-based decision-making as a result of otherwise positive plural demographics. Strength of tenure may also support capacity -building amongst often ill-informed or chinless decision-makers, both councillors and senior managers within the local authority.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It gives the people of Leicester a say in who will lead it - more local representation	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A more democratic way, of holding politicians to account.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Democratically a better option.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Because we've always had a mayor as opposed to a cabinet.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	No details or discussion over how major would be elected or indeed whether it is intended to merge politics with operational management i.e. elected major taking the chief executives role!	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	it is the way most city' have gone	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This is a more democratic process and people elected will need to be held more accountable	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer the idea that I have a direct say in who is elected in governance over the council rather than a council elect leader. It is a personal preference of perceived democracy	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	an elected mayor is going to be yet another "tier" of power/bureaucracy. The mayor at present is just a decorative figurehead for events.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	One person should not have so much power (personal comment removed)	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	keep it the same as it is now. We have a mayor and a council leader.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It makes more sense to do things this way, in my opinion.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is better to have a leader who is an experienced Council member, rather than some local "personality" who knows nothing about local government.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This will have people say and not the councillors.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This seems a fairer option. Citizens will have direct input and choice.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Option 2 is a means of the present administration hiding behind another person. The new mayor would be the fall guy or girl in having to make the budget cuts. That person would be "blamed" for cuts and closures whereas the present administration doesn't have the bottle to do it. Let the current arrangement stay, let the current leader lead and let the current councillors contribute to the resolution of the current issues affecting the council	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I am concerned about the prospect of a person being elected mayor with no prior experience and no practical knowledge of what local government is about. Also I am concerned about the risk of a populist campaign resulting in the election of an unsuitable candidate for such a powerful and responsible position. Finally I am worried that it is so difficult to unseat a mayor once elected, in circumstances where they have proven to be unsuitable or unsuccessful in the role.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This way we get to decide who holds all the power	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The current system is more accountable and democratic - elected Mayor will potentially have too much power - end up being a personality contest -	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Elected people are accountable, Leaders clearly are not !!	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Greater democracy as larger range of input into locality instead of one person dominating matters	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected Mayor system puts too much power in one persons hands. Has not worked well elsewhere and is being abandoned by some.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I think that given the current climate having a directly elected mayor may lead in some cities for a far right candidate to become mayor and this person would then be able to choose cabinet members. This I feel would be dangerous	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Need to stop nepotism	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It would give the chance for the City to have someone with non party affiliations and ties leading it. This would, theoretically at least, allow a greater chance for the right thing, to be done.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Electing a mayor is a waste of money	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	No preference	I have no preference as I cannot envisage any change	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Democratically elected	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This position would then not be politically biased.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	No preference	I do not feel that it has any relevance to the way that the Council is run and it has no affect on my day to day life.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Elected by the people.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because the person in charge of the Council needs know how the public sector and politics works and there is no guarantee that the general public would elect a mayor who has these skills.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	more democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think the residents of Leicester should have a say on who runs the City	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Potential high running costs/wage of mayor when staff are going to be made redundant. Concern about not being able to remove mayor for 4 years if not good at job.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I want more accountability, from my local government. The Leader is elected as a councillor by his/her ward, and is chosen by his 'peers' from the ruling party; that is not democratic. I want a say who will be run this city. Therefore I choose to have an elected Mayor.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The current system of leader and mayor carrying out different functions has worked well and there is no overpowering argument to change this.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More easily changed if desired	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More democratically accountable	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	There should not be overall power in one person-there needs to be the option for change within 4 years, as circumstances change.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think an elected mayor will put the people of Leicester first and will not have to toe "the party line" when making decisions	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	An elected mayor would be more accountable to the voters. Work in partnership with businesses, officers, to identify clear priorities for the city and reinvigorate the people of Leicester to get involved in elections.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More accountability & residents should determine who runs council, not the councillors.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	No preference	I don't care, just choose the cheapest option.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer to elect the leader it is more democratic.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The leader will be fully aware as to the policies, procedures and the workings of local government and the effects on decision making whereas a non political elected mayor wouldnt.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	A mayor could be unfavourably swayed by public opinion (ie decisions made to be popular) Cabinet and leader I believe reduces this possibility.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Too much power in the hands of one individual.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I have deep reservations about the power being largely in the hands of one single person -- regardless of the Cabinet presence. I also resent the fact this is being foisted on the city with the minimum of consultation time and certainly without a referendum.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Power is devolved to the electorate	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We need a fresh look at the way things are run without too much bias or tunnelled thinking.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I have lost a lot of faith in politicians in general. This Authority appears to leave big decisions to the last minute, maybe an elected businessperson would get things done more efficiently, get it right first time (JE!) and not waste loads of taxpayers cash (£1.65M on filling up a subway and putting in a crossing is extortion.)	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Experience shows its very difficult to make the Elected Mayor model work properly	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Accountability Avoids unnecessary admin costs	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It's more democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Good show peice for Leicester having a Mayor	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Do not like idea of Mayor having ultimate power and Council not being able to remove from office.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	cost saving	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Takes the decision out of the hands of councillors	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Beuase it would be someone put forward by the community.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More transparent	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The arrangement with a leader and cabinet involves too much intra-party politics in a) the selection of the leader b) the selection of the cabinet The independently elected mayor could take a wider view for the good of the City as a whole and have to worry less about appeasing all of his/her party colleagues in compromises that may not be in the City's best interests. My major concern about the elected mayor is how to ensure the quality of the candidates.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	In the present economic climate this isnt the time to try something radical and electing a non councillor as Elected Mayor with no previous City Council experience would be a nightmare. For example the potential chamber of commerce candidate with a manifesto to "cut out waste" no doubt a self made business man with ideas how to do things the business way. We are a public service not a branch of Woolworths!! Its bad enough with a Tory government we dont want a Tory elected mayor as well. And as for the democratic wishes of the populace well they elected a bloke in a monkey suit in Hartlepool didnt they.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Personally I'm not that keen on either idea, but there is patently no need for an elected mayor in a city the size of Leicester. It's just an exercise in bureaucracy, another unnecessary layer of politicians, with the usual suspects lining up for their tilt at power. I prefer the option of leader and cabinet, but having no recourse to change leader during the term is short-sighted. What we are saying is no matter how bad you are or what the rest of your party may think of you, you've got the job for four years. This could end with a 'lame duck' leader who has lost the support of their party running the city for several years. That would be a nonsense. Also very recent history shows we need to have the ability to change leader mid-term. When Cllr Wilmott chose to stand for parliament in Leicestershire NW it was deemed he would not have enough time to dedicate to the role of leader so he was replaced. Under this proposed option he would still be leader now. Imagine a similar scenario but where the candidate wins their election, s/he would be an MP and still the ele	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The mayor would be more accountable to the public who had voted him/her into office.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Doncaster's disastrous experience. Nuff said.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Greater accountability to the electorate.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The mayor should be chosen by the people of Leicester so that we know that our voice is being heard and that they are not associated to any particular political party.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	A mayoral election is a complete waste of taxpayer's money at a time when services are being withdrawn, and council staff are at risk of losing their jobs. I do not see how having a Mayor will benefit the city, merely the people in power.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Leader can be removed within four years, if necessary, without a costly referendum. An elected mayor cannot be a councillor. If you have an interest in governing the city, you should have shown it before by becoming a councillor, but such people will be excluded from being mayor.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I think that electing someone for a period of only four years that could only be removed via a referendum is dangerous. With the Leader Cabinet model at least the Council would have some form of control over the administration.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	more accountability	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I see no reason to alter the current model.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	No preference		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I think having a mayor is expensive and in this time when budgets are being cut it is a luxury we cannot afford	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A mayor is elected by Leicester's citizens, a leader is not.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	i feel that money would be wasted electing a mayor	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Council in a better position to appoint the right person for the job & can remove person without a referendum within 4 year term if necessary.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	should be higher profile [an elected leader can hide behind those around him/her, a mayor can not]	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Having an elected mayor would allow for greter transparency within the cabinet.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Leader sounds more awesome (comment removed)	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I feel residents of this city should have more of a say in who represents them and from what I have observed, the current model is not working to do that	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This option should hopefully ensure a more demorcratic council, not one made up of a particular party.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would like to know more about the leader of the council and have more say in who it is	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	This is dangerous blurring of the executive and the elected, which concentrates too much power in the hands of one person. This step should not be taken without a referendum.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	No preference	I do not really understand what difference it will make - we need more information about the impact, pros and cons etc	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected Mayor duplicates cost. If we have one no need for a Chief Executive.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	it allows the person a fixed term to implement their plans	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A mayor will be chosen by the electorate, not by elected members. The whole process does appear to be futile when measured against the government's intention to repeal the 2007 Act !	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The elected Mayor and cabinet would reflect the want/needs of the people electing them	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I believe a leader and cabinet is more democratic than a mayor	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	an election will cost a fair amount and will it change things a great deal? As the mayor does not have any real power it does seem a bit of a waste of time and money.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The quality of mayorial candidates is likely to be low and you'd end up with a "powerful idiot" as opposed to real checks and balances making sure that everyone is likely to get something they want.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	No preference	Depends on who the Leader is or the Elected Mayor is. don't want a dictator style Council.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I feel the residents should be given a choice in who leads them	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	With the impending budget cuts expected in the city council I feel that we should stay with what is proven rather than try something new and untested.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	appears to be democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More ability for public to have their say	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I would prefer not to have a one-party elected mayor as powers are more democratically dispersed with Leader and Cabinet. I don't feel the city would benefit from a large profile mayor role in the style of London.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor has too much power.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The leader needs to be more accountable - having an elected mayor will mean that he/she can't be voted out	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Cohesive government, led by people who understand governance. More representative as majority from all parts of the city contribute, not just the most populous wards carrying an elected mayor. Government in majority able to get more done.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Leicester needs a change; and an independent Mayor could bring that change.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think we would get better results with a non political leader not tied to a particular party.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The City neither needs nor can afford a figurehead at this time	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	option to remove from post.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	No preference	Not enough information provided as to the pros and cons of each option.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It is preferable to have someone who is independent	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Public control over who they feel would do a good job.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Hopefully non-political individual. Opportunity to get rid of chief executive, strategic directors et al, which should result in significant savings	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	more choice and say in every day running of council.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	the city council cannot afford another layer of demoncracy, as this is too expensive. Furthermopre, a full referendum of city shopuld be sought prior to a movement from fundamental structure of the elected format. Please stop blurring the boundary between elected and executive responsibilities. The applianct, (personal reference removed) , thinks so little of leicester that he is already attempting to seek 'better' employment, and I for one would not have such an individual representing a city localy if they are unwilling to perform the same role nationally, it shows poor commitment to the current role for one. Even the current setup is poor, a pre referendum elected major will be a mistake.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We need to see strong clear leadership during the recession.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	because a mayor would have too much power	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I prefer option one due to the fact that an elected Mayor maybe polictecaly in experienced and would thereforejust be a dead wood, point less.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	People know what a mayor stands for and it is a tradition which offers some ceremony which people like	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	clearer vision stronger leadership more democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Eliminate the figurehead post of Lord Mayor at a time when frontline services are being cut	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic to have a Mayor elected by the people of the City he or she should be serving instead of a political lackay	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It would help to remove some of the petty politics from decision making.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 09:07	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Les political bias. Quicker decision making	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 10:06	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	the option of having an elected mayor is open for corruption, and one person too powerful, and I beleive in the option of a leader and cabinet for the promotion of a 'one leicester'	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 10:21	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It is more democratic.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 13:52	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I feel it would be a better system to serve the needs of the City .	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 14:01	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 14:10	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 15:32	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think that there is more direction and more accountability. I am from London originally and think the model works well and see the improvements that they have made in London regarding transport and low-level street crime, I think Leicester could learn the lessons from this, as it was not a particularly well organised venture at the start...and Leicester could make improvements and have ONE leader for it's ONE Leicester initiative.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 16:50			Y	Leicester City Council IP	

25/11/10 17:19	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Under the current financial climate and public sector job cuts, we don't want to create posts/deputy responsibilities that would require an increase in salary.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
25/11/10 18:16	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More democracy, less concentration of power in the hands of an individual.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 07:41	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It mirrors the national, Central government model that has worked well for generations.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 09:48	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Potential for more balanced cabinet if Mayor is an independant	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 10:22	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 11:21	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 11:47	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	To loosen grip of LCC on policy - more democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 12:05	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	There is not enough information about the the elected Mayor option,and I feel that the current situation needs a lot of work to improve it but can work	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 14:32	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Known costs as against unknown cost of option 2	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 14:35	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 15:15	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	a) I prefer a leader to be elected by councillors who have experience of his/her abilities and weaknesses, b) I fear 'joke' candidates for elected mayor (the monkey in Hartlepool?) or even someone with a high public profile who has little knowledge of local government and/or no ability and experience to lead a large and complex organisation like the City Council, c) I'm not happy that an elected mayor cannot be removed from office within 4 years even if they prove to be incompetent, high-handed or unreasonable, d) I am worried that the elected mayor model concentrates too much power in the hands of one person, and e) I think an elected mayor undermines the role of Ward Councillors.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

26/11/10 15:32	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We the people get a vote	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
26/11/10 15:39	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 08:59	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Can be removed if the need arises.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 10:51	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think that we should be able to directly elect a mayor - not have the councillors do it for us	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 10:55	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Separation of Executive & Legislative Powers	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 12:30	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The power is not in one individual hands	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 13:59	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An elected Mayor will add nothing to the democratic process already in place for the City. It could in fact end up costing the local taxpayer more.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 14:11	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	more democratic	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 14:59	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An Elected Mayor would not give a fair balance for the City	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
29/11/10 15:50	No preference	Before I can answer this question and in light of funding and job cuts I need to know if having an elected Mayor will cost city residents more than having a leader.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
30/11/10 09:05	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Peoples person...no one knows the members	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
30/11/10 13:47	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I actually support the idea of an elected mayor AND a leader & cabinet. The reason for this is that I see the roles as being quite distinct from one another. Whilst the leader and cabinet take responsibility for the delivery of strategic and political objectives, the elected mayor would take responsibility for the daily maintenance of the city (i.e. roadworks).	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
30/11/10 17:02	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I do not like the idea of the Politicians having more power over the administrative functions. I think that operations management should be left to a recruited professional with experience and qualifications in public services management.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	

01/12/10 09:07	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer to have a say in who runs the council, as the present system does not reflect, or take into consideration the views of either the people of Leicester or it's employees who are treated poorly by the current members.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
01/12/10 10:45	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Less expensive and more responsive.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
01/12/10 11:47	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
01/12/10 12:23	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Because I think it would be a much fairer way of doing it	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
01/12/10 12:54	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
01/12/10 13:15	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I used to feel that an elected leader was better, because they are more accountable on a day to day basis, to elected councillors; however I have now come around to the view that this just leads to a leader who has to buy votes by giving jobs to people who are not really up to them. I have now come around to the view that an elected mayor, who didn't have to trade posts for support, would actually lead to a stronger and more effective leadership for the city. An elected mayor would also be more directly accountable to the people of Leicester, rather than only via councillors.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
01/12/10 17:18	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Although structural change is needed within the local government structure, an elected mayor that will have increased local power and influence and is in place for a four year term, is not necessarily the systemic change that would be beneficial locally.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
02/12/10 12:20	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	leader and cabinet - waste of time	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
02/12/10 13:55	No preference	I want a referendum on the issue, not a rushed consultation process.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
02/12/10 16:13	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	

02/12/10 19:08	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I feel that if 'we' the public elect the mayor then we would have voted that person in on the grounds that they would have stated and campaigned in there pre election.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 09:57	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A ELECTED MAYOR WILL STOP THE FIASCO WE HAVE HAD OF A LORD MAYOR NOT FIT TO REPRESENT THIS GREAT CITY, THAT HAS RESULTED WITH THE PRESENT LORD MAYOR	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 10:51	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	direct election of an individual leading the council by the public and not the cabinet	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 11:34	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I don't beleive that such a big change to the way that the city is run should take place without a referendum.the people of Leicester should be able to decide this issue.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 13:09	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 14:29	No preference		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 14:30	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Mayor would be elected by the general electorate, instead of being appointed by members.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 14:32	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
03/12/10 15:40	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
06/12/10 10:27	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because the Council should reserve the right to remove the Leader from office if circumstances required this.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
06/12/10 13:43	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I am worried that the City's heritage will be lost if we cannot have a Lord Mayor.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
06/12/10 13:56	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because it mirrors the central govt set up, and if it is good enough for the rest of the country its good enough for Leicester. The other option is first past the post - will suit voting majority but not minorities.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
06/12/10 14:28	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A more democratic option and gives a popular mandate to the elected mayor.	Y	Leicester City Council IP	
06/12/10 14:44	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Leicester City Council IP	
30/11/10 14:56	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				

02/12/10 08:26	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I live outside Leicester, but I work in the city, shop there, use the roads and public transport, and use the facilities such as the public libraries. But, I would not get a vote in a mayoral election. How can that be represented as democracy!!! Better to stick with what we have.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More direct democracy			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	A directly elected mayor would cost too much and be too easily swayed by whatever the Leicester Mercury is saying that day.			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	This is the least bad option: would much prefer a return to proper democratic control in which EVERY elected Councillor is equal, working through elected Committees, which worked well for over 150 years from the 1836 reforms. Strongly object to the Elected Mayor system.			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	democracy dilute power to much power open to MORE abuse			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It is better to have an elected mayor elected by all the citizens of Leicester than a leader of the Council elected by at the most 20 or so councillors; and I beleive that Leicester needs strong leadership to ensure it stands out among the other cities in the region.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	whats the point in voting for a party to run the city if a minority party member becomes mayor - is this the road to cameron becoming the uk's first president?			
01/12/10 20:17	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	AAn elected mayor would enhance involvement and interest in local politics, and civic identity for the city.			

30/11/10 06:14	No preference	I have concerns as the current leading Labour group seem to want to rush this change through. They appear in the press as pro Elected Mayor & Cabinet. By having this public consultation puts the party in a position to blame the public should an elected mayor not work out or make unpopular decisions. The labour group was voted in by the electorate to make decisions be them unpopular or not but would seem in this case unwilling to make the decision they really want to.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Have found from previous experience in my previous town that I am more favourable to this method and the feelign of being closer to the community that the indiviual can often bring.			
02/12/10 19:09	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	There is a possibility this will lead to the loss of leicesters lord mayor which flies in the face of 800 years of tradition which I find Ludicrous and unacceptable. This is yet another example of the council doing things for their benefit without concern for the impact on the community they claim to represent.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	You dictate - you don't consult	Y	Leicestershire County Council IP - Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
25/11/10 15:36	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	No one at all locally who could possibly have the qualifications for such a job - why try and re-invent the wheel & anyway, you really should have carried out a proper consultation!!	Y	Leicestershire County Council IP - Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
29/11/10 12:47	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	A large city needs strong leadership and vision. This can come from either model but the added authority brought by a direct mandate allows the big things to be driven through rather than bogged down.	Y	Leicestershire County Council IP	
29/11/10 16:04	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	system is fine as it is: anything additionally provide more bureaucracy	Y	Leicestershire County Council IP	
01/12/10 14:20	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Hold the leader more accountable to the whole city rather than just the ward he/she represents			

Nov 20 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The electorate should directly control who leads a city like Leicester			
29/11/10 14:23	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is important that the council retains the right to remove its leader from office in certain circumstances.			
25/11/10 10:19	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Too much power invested in one person. No chance of voting out during term of office.	Y		
25/11/10 18:53	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I do not consider an elected mayor to be of benefit to Leicester	Y		
06/12/10 09:20	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	it will be to expensive			
29/11/10 16:57	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	it is more democratic than the present system			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Will give power to a more independant non political person and take away vested interests from councillors			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The city needs clear and consistent leadership			
25/11/10 16:30	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	We elect councillors. They, in turn, should take the responsibility to appoint a leader who, traditionally, should be Lord Mayor. Two Mayors will lead to more conflict & confusion.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Its the democratic option!			
24/11/10 17:25	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Leicester needs clear leadership and vision. Never has there been a better time to give political "clout" to a person who has been elected democratically and can justifiably claim to represent the whole City.			
05/12/10 17:24	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The citizens have more direct power.			
30/11/10 13:34	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	prefer leader to be an existing councillor			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
29/11/10 16:31	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It will bring new blood and experience into the management of the City			
05/12/10 22:06	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer this option as an Elected Mayor will be elected by everyone in the city.			
27/11/10 10:48	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
26/11/10 21:28	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	we have no need for an elected mayor whohas so much power			
Nov 22 2010	No preference	No information given so no idea why change			

Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Because then the voters will be able to choose who speaks for the city rather than the councillors passing the Lord Mayorship around as a pat on the back for loyal service. This decision should be made via a referendum for all the people on the electoral roll rather than being decided by the Labour group and put out for a short time			
05/12/10 15:04	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would prefer a direct say rather than rely on a representative to choose for me.			
03/12/10 10:31	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Not been impressed with the decisions made by Leicester City Council for many years. An elected Mayor system could provide the opportunity to have some say in which people we want to lead our city. There is no information provided about remuneration for such an officer which I consider should be made available to the consultees.			
28/11/10 17:24	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	If, following the provision of much more information, wider public debate and a referendum amongst Leicesters citizens, it was established that a Mayor was preferred, this would be acceptable. For Councillors to decide this for us and to rush it through is not. Until the people of Leicester have voted, the status quo should prevail. Incidentally this online survey doesn't allow for two people in the same dwelling but sharing an e-mail address to express their opinion separately. We have two votes in all elections so perhaps you could count this as two votes for the Leader and Cabinet option.			
Nov 22 2010	No preference		Y		
Nov 22 2010	No preference		Y		
06/12/10 08:43	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I don't believe that this will save money in the long run. Unless a new Mayor takes over the role of Chief Executive. More information required as to the working out of the whole process and then it should be decided by referendum.			

02/12/10 21:40	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	There is a lack of accountability and clarity under the present system and the option to elect a strong leader with a business background would be most welcome. Leicester is scruffy, has wasted money on grandiose schemes such as Curve. I would like to see someone who can read a balance sheet and who understands value for money given a chance. I do not see this at present. A strong line on education would also be welcome.			
05/12/10 14:49	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I believe the elected councillors should elect the Leader and most importantly, should retain the power to remove the Leader during the 4 year term if circumstances require this.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I believe that this is a more democratic way of electing a leader for the city. Leicester needs a strong leader with a democratic mandate to take the city forward.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I want to save money on administration, not create a whole new layer of bureaucracy. An elected Mayor is also likely to be a divisive figure given that they are unlikely to be the first preference of a majority of the City's voters, and mayoral elections elsewhere have tended to have very low turnouts.			
06/12/10 11:55	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	To save taxpayers money			
01/12/10 12:25	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Have already stated in an e-mail sent before I realised about this survey			
06/12/10 17:47	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Can not be worse than what we have currently			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It allows greater accountability of the executive to the Council.			
27/11/10 12:21	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I don't approve of an elected mayor being in office for 4 years and I think it's undemocratic for an elected mayor to choose his own cabinet			

Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	There should be a referendum - ask the people, by proper consultation - many older people have no idea how to use a computer, even if they had one. Do a proper consultation.	Y	Leicestershire County Council IP	
29/11/10 12:09	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More autonomy & accountability to citizens of Leicester	Y	Leicestershire County Council IP	
03/12/10 14:55	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic, more open to the public			
06/12/10 05:20	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The people of Leicester choose who runs the City			
03/12/10 20:11	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think it will make the council more accountable and closer to the people. It means the leader is elected by the people rather than the 54 councillors behind closed doors. This is more open and democratic.			
05/12/10 13:13	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	If elected it will be more of a peoples choice.			
30/11/10 10:39	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It's the only way to get a Mayor who's views (and actions) are wholly representative of the majority of Leicester people.			
Nov 22 2010	No preference	we need a full public referendum to decide this important question fairly	Y	No Info	
Nov 22 2010	No preference	referendum first	Y	No Info	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	No Info	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	an elected mayor will cost us even more	Y	No Info	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	no dictator here	Y	No Info	
Nov 22 2010	No preference	REFERENDUM please	Y	No Info	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Option 3. I Want a democratic referendum. Too much power would be given to one person and it will cost the tax payer every year whereas a referendum would be a one off payment and would be more democratic. You are only consulting people who have a computer with internet connection. What a disgrace.	Y	No Info	
03/12/10 13:52	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because you haven't asked the people of leicester whether we want an elected mayor. What happened to democracy?			

01/12/10 08:35	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	THE PRESENT SYSTEM HAS SERVED LEICESTER EXTREMELY WELL AND SHOULD STAY. AN ELECTED MAYOR MIGHT BE IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE COUNCIL MAJORITY WHICH MIGHT PROVE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CITIZENS OF LEICESTER.			
03/12/10 07:56	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	one person can let power go to their head, and it can get too political			
06/12/10 09:13	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	more democratic			
02/12/10 14:45	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The elected mayor system can work, but not in a community the size of Leicester City. Though a good elected mayor could achieve a lot, a bad one could not be got rid of for 4 years and that could be a disaster.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode, different comments	Y
06/12/10 11:06	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The elected councillors need to take responsibility for actions note some independantly elected person. Leader not mayor, committees no cabinet	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode, different comments	Y
30/11/10 11:33	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
26/11/10 21:36	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	better control of the city			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It has not been explained why we need a Mayor. What can he do that elected councilors can't do? A Â£50,000 salary plus expenses in these financially hard times is a lot of cash that could support more worthy causes. I for one will not vote in an election for a Mayor. The way the council are going about this is undemocratic we must be entitled to decide if we want a Mayor not the council.			
06/12/10 16:05	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	N/A			
Nov 21 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I think an elected mayor would have too much power,if we cannot have a referendum to say about having an elected mayor do you really think we would get a referendum to eject one if we wanted to get rid of them "give us a referendum first!!!!"			

Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected mayor has too much power in one hand,too expensive and too difficult to get rid of! We should not be voting for this at same time as council - too confusing, and able candidats may end have to choose which to stand for and end up as neither.			
30/11/10 09:24	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	This option respects our democtratic traditions more than the other. An elected Mayor can succumb to the cult of personality and be more about massaging egos than for the wellbeing of the city.			
05/12/10 13:48	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Because the public will vote for the mayor not the councillors			
26/11/10 11:48	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Don't like the idea of power being in one person's hands, and a democratically elected council possibly being overridden by a maverick,who could be anybody			
02/12/10 12:08	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We need residents to elect the Mayor.			
29/11/10 13:57	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
05/12/10 23:44	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Allowing the citizens fo Leicester to choose who leads the City Council is far more democratic than a relatively small number of councillors deciding on this key role			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
05/12/10 15:37	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	We should have a council leader and cabinet who have some experience of running city services not some one who fancies the job for the publicity			

		The time being provided for consultation on this substantial change is inadequate. The concept of an elected mayor is not one that is a common feature of the British political system. The electorate require and should be entitled to a fuller examination and discussion about what changes will result from the city moving from a figurehead, elected by the councillors to a post with presumably significant personal power as outlined in the section: Mayor and Cabinet Executive of the document discussed at a council meeting on 19 November. This note and other information available does not in my view constitute appropriate briefing to the electorate. It is a matter of great concern that this matter is being handled in such a 'light' manner despite what Cllr Veejay Patel states. The references in the media to 'bullying', party line and MP pressure are all evidence that this matter has become politicised but without the electorate having the opportunity to really consider the options and the implications. For whom is this matter being introduced? For the city and its residen			
Nov 21 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	(personal comment removed) Give me a proper vote.			
27/11/10 10:42	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It has more democratic checks & balances.			
29/11/10 16:00	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	What is wrong with the current system exactly?			
29/11/10 18:17	No preference	I am not entirely happy with either option but i realise that ticking 'no preference' implies that I don't mind either. I fear that having such a long term for an office such like this can not necessarily be a good thing and could lead to terrible decisions being made by people who can then stay in office for another three years.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	because it is more directly democratic			
Nov 19 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The elected mayor will be better for Leicester because they will be directly elected by the people, they will raise Leicester's profile, and they will create renewed interest in politics.			
01/12/10 12:24	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It would provide stronger leadership for the Council and improve the city's profile. It could provide new creativity in the way the city is run.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The Mayor should be independant and represent everyone in the city and not any party. I most strongly disagree with an elected Mayor.			
03/12/10 10:25	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More effective leadership is required in the city			
30/11/10 08:26	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
29/11/10 16:00	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	City does not need additional layer of admin			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Power more widely shared			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Too much power given to an elected Mayor	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode, different comments	Y
26/11/10 09:59	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More democratic	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode, different comments	Y
03/12/10 09:54	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Primarily due to the coherence this position will bring to the leadership of the Council and the direct involvement of residents in electing that person. Although the consultation period is relatively short, this is understandable in the context of the savings effected by holding the mayoral election at the same time as next May's local authority elections and the avoidance of paralysis within the city council caused by the uncertainties which will arise if a referendum was to be held at a later stage.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We need clear leadership in Leicester			
25/11/10 11:42	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	No option for corporate gain from a businessman who can afford an election campaign			

30/11/10 16:16	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	This system has worked well in the past so why change it? I can foresee that an elected Mayor is going to cost more than the present system and at a time of cutbacks this is the last thing the City needs. Look how much the elected Mayor of London costs. No to the elected mayor on the grounds mainly of high costs			
26/11/10 11:28	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It should be obvious! Have you seen the quality of some of the Leicester City Mayors we have had?			
26/11/10 00:22	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because to change this i feel there should be a referendum on the matter until that is done i would like to keep the current system	Y	No Info, similar comment and time of submission	Y
28/11/10 00:18	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	like current system	Y	No Info, similar comment and time of submission	Y
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More democratic and will lead to better policy if all Cllrs fully involved			
30/11/10 08:08	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected Mayor could have little or no knowledge of running the city.			
26/11/10 16:29	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I am very concerned about the short time allowed for public consultation and the lack of publicity. I have heard about this only from the Leiceswter Mercury, no leaflets or other publicity. No mention has been made about the salary and other costs of an elected mayor. The City Council should have held a referendum as the government is recommending. I therefore will not vote for a mayor without this and will not vote Labour if an election is held. I speak as a lifelong Labour voter.			
05/12/10 10:38	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I think the elected mayor option could result in conflict between the mayor and the council. Efficient representation is inherent in the present system, especially if a fairer system of representation was brought in. I also believe that the office of an elected mayor will be more expensive, unless savings are made in other areas of council representation.			

Nov 20 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Possibly more accountable and may have more of an interest in the City and it's heritage than the current bunch of vandals. We could also make sure that they were not in the pocket of De Montfort University if we had a say in electing them.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
01/12/10 21:06	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I would prefer this system as it has worked in the past and if it worked in the past then the system isn't massively at fault.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	insufficient notice of proposed change	Y	Duplicate IP and postcode	Y
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Prefer existing Mayor wiyh Council Leader	Y	Duplicate IP and postcode	Y
02/12/10 16:10	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	there is a total lack of accountability with option 2 an elected mayor has total autonomy if s/he so chooses			
02/12/10 07:48	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Too much power in the hands of one person Regards w walshe			
02/12/10 15:28	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I believe this to have been very successful in London, where both Ken Livingstone and Boris Johnson have been excellent.	Y	Duplicate IP and postcode, however different vote	
04/12/10 20:41	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	There is too much potential for corruption without the current level of scrutiny. Once person as elected mayor would have too much power - our councillors would be effectively gagged and would be less able to represent the views of their electorate. Democracy in this city would be further damaged	Y	Duplicate IP and postcode, however different vote	
06/12/10 22:07	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Prevent large amounts of wasted money during Mayoral elections - Tax payer funded no doubt!			
06/12/10 09:50	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Hopefully the elected Mayor will be more interested in the needs of the city rather than towing a party line.			
05/12/10 16:30	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
24/11/10 17:14	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	will have option of voting for someone who is not playing party politics			
02/12/10 09:27	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
02/12/10 10:59	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic process; potential to be slightly less 'political'			

02/12/10 10:48	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor would concentrate too much power in the hands of one individual. The example of Doncaster is not a good one where a poorly performing mayor could not be removed by the council, even though a majority of councillors were against him. This led in part to the social services scandal where 7 children died and the Edlington case.			
01/12/10 09:52	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
01/12/10 16:45	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
06/12/10 09:49	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Mayor would concentrate too much power in one person.			
01/12/10 09:33	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is more democratic and more accountable.			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Mayors have too much power. I want a collegiate style of leadership. The existing system works fine and a Mayoral election will add to the cost of running next year's elections.			
Nov 21 2010	No preference				
01/12/10 12:54	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The people of Leicester should be able to have their say on who should have such powers over the way the City is run. Though I would have preferred if we had been offered a referendum on this decision...how many of the population of Leicester are going to respond to this consultation, or even realise that it exists?			
05/12/10 15:44	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	An independent Mayor with a business rather than a political background would engender greater trust.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	elected mayors - more distraction than attraction			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	wider scope - tried and tested in other areas with a good success rate decisions made not politically driven but best interest for the city			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It cannot be worse than a secretive Leader and Cabinet that is there at the moment			
24/11/10 19:57	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Power to the people!			

Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	The public rather than councillors should make the decision about the city's leader			
29/11/10 18:32	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An Elected Mayor leads to corruption. The Councillors are accountable to the city already, we needn't have a leader who feels they must fetter any decisions so as to ensure every member of the public is pleased by them.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Choosing a leader from elected Councillors gives more local representation and avoids the possibility of electing a "single issue" mayor who we are then stuck with for 4 years.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	greater chance that they will be accountable			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP, no info	
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP, no info	
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Experience when living in Middlesbrough shows option 1 to be more democratic, Elected mayors can be loose cannons			
05/12/10 14:00	No preference				
29/11/10 18:15	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Democracy means voting for someone who actually has some power and tyhen getting rid of them if they screw up			
Nov 21 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Imposing an elected mayor on the people of Leicester without a referendum is a disgrace. Evidence from other places shows that when given the choice most places choose not to have an elected mayor.			
25/11/10 10:22	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is more democratic and provides for the removal of the Leader by full Council if the people desire.	Y	Duplicate IP and postcode	Y

		There is no guarantee that a local celebrity elected as mayor, will have any knowledge or experience of local government. That will give enormous influence to unelected officers. When people usually vote, the political affiliations of the candidates gives them a rough idea of the policies they might follow. A celebrity contestant, elected on the basis of their notoriety, will have a the freedom to pursue their whims without being called to account. The cabinet system has already reduced the role of backbench councillors to voting fodder with handsome allowances, the elected mayor further reduces the role of the ordinary councillor. Having a Lord Mayor and an elected mayor will inevitably cause confusion in the public mind. The argument that elected mayors will result in the public taking more interest in local government is spurious. Whilst, there may be a short term increase in the number of people voting, elected mayors do not address the central problem of behind voter apathy. Local councils are no longer seen as relevant to peoples lives because so many see			
01/12/10 11:08	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	more democratic process	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
01/12/10 10:01	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Greater political neutrality of the cabinet and leader. I also think the elected mayor system has worked well in London			
29/11/10 22:21	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	(personal comment removed)			
01/12/10 15:58	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	can't be worse than it is now			
29/11/10 14:49	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	This is the current position and any significant change needs more than a quickie consultation. This is an illegitimate action that appears to serve the interests of the Labour party first.			
03/12/10 13:26	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	the people need to be more involved. and it has worked well in london.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				

Nov 21 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected mayors have a reputation for being elected on personality campaigns. Party leaders not only have to win the election in their local ward, they need to win the confidence of their fellow councillors through a proven record. Leaders can also be removed if they turn out to be unsuitable. The "elected mayor" removes such checks and balances.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I prefer an elected mayor and cabinet for Leicester as it has the potential to be more representative of our diverse city. Also, as they are in place for 4 years, it would give businesses and investors more confidence in the stability of Leicester's policy and social landscape. They would also be perceived as more accountable to the people who elected them.			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Don't like being told what im going to get with out having a say.			
03/12/10 19:54	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	A mayor is not a councillor therefore not directly elected by residents upon his election.			
04/12/10 18:20	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It seems more democratic to have a mayor directly elected by citizens rather than by councillors whose choice may be affected by internal politics.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
04/12/10 20:17	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	An elected mayor is directly accountable to the electorate and must seek a mandate. We need more dynamic leadership in this council. We also need less factionalism. An elected mayor offers the potential for better leadership and a cabinet based on merit.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
Nov 19 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Strong leader, able to work directly for people of Leicester			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	because i think it is more accountable			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Existing system totally under control of governing party. In effect an elected dictatorship. An elected mayor gives the opportunity for others to have a go - in particular non-politicians whose experience could be good for the City.			

28/11/10 10:01	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	give the electorate more of a feeling of ownership of the political process (people will know the mayor even if they can't remember their councillor) thus forcing council to be more representative of their views. Increase in political engagement draws people into local issues and creates more of a community and potentially civic pride (if the mayor is a good leader)			
01/12/10 17:17	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	It is time to move away from petty political manouvering and get someone to head up Leicester to be able to focus on the dedicions needed to make Leicester a city to be proud of.			
30/11/10 06:48	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	current system more democratic, with less power invested in one person; the current system works well for citizens; not sure enough people would be bothered to vote; current system cheaper??			
Nov 21 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Power is more accountable			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The people of Leicester should decide not be frogmarched into having an Elected Mayor because of a deal between Vaz and Soulsby			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	If we have a Mayor who isn't up to the job we would have to wait 4 years to remove them or use a costly referendum. By keeping the current system the council can remove a leader with a simple vote.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	If we have a Mayor who isn't up to the job we would have to wait 4 years to remove them or use a costly referendum. By keeping the current system the council can remove a leader with a simple vote.	Y	Duplicate IP and Postcode	Y
01/12/10 16:13	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected mayor would have too much power			

05/12/10 23:09	No preference	An election for mayor might interest people more in local politics, but i would be concerned if it became rather too much of a celebrity-style election. whichever system we have in leicester i would hope it gives people confidence in and concern for local democracy.			
01/12/10 23:14	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
27/11/10 12:17	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
03/12/10 12:37	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
03/12/10 22:13	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	whole city will be involved			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	democratically elected any other change HAS to be sent to the public in the form of a referendum as per Parlimentary Rules for such actions			
26/11/10 17:49	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The present system is preferable, but the leader and cabinet is more democratic than electing a dictator			
Nov 21 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected mayors place centralise power in one person. They attempt to replicate a US model of democracy. They remove role and purpose from councillors.			
03/12/10 14:07	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Less "celebrity" based.			
30/11/10 15:22	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More accountable to the electorate. Less expensive to the public.			
Nov 20 2010	No preference				
02/12/10 07:22	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because if the leader is not doing the job properly he/she can be removed by the council.			
01/12/10 09:38	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
02/12/10 17:09	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I think it is being rushed through without proper thought			
24/11/10 17:57	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I feel there should be no change without a referendum			
30/11/10 15:49		OPTION 2			
04/12/10 15:28	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	This consultation is a watered-down replacement for a proper referendum, and has been forced upon us by politically ambitious local politicians for their own selfish ends.			
03/12/10 12:08	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	it is more democratic			

05/12/10 15:09	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	i think have an elected mayor with powers to make his own cabinet could be a problem with possible corruption of power. if this elected mayor is paid then this places another burdon on the taxpayer.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I think this option has more to offer me and my community.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	more democratic			
Nov 19 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Any leader should have a democratic mandate, determined with maximum clarity. The current system has little clarity and is open to 'cronyism' (the current cabinet being a perfect example of this). Leicester DESERVES an elected figure head who can advocate our great city in the region and to the wider world.			
01/12/10 22:13	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	greater accountability of mayor to local people			
26/11/10 20:23	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	mayor could not be moved if required if they where not performing for the citizens of leicester			
30/11/10 14:57	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I dont think that one person should choose the cabinet as it could be open to abuse			
Nov 19 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
26/11/10 08:45	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Modern politicians are egotists and bullies. Therefore, the City needs a counter-measure to prospective abusers of power.			
05/12/10 11:16	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Can see no reason for any change and the elected mayor option seems open to abuse. It certainly puts to much power into one persons hands			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Accountability for the top job rests with the people of Leicester rather than a single party group on the council.			
Nov 19 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	elected mayor means possibility of 'dictorial politics which is surely against the reason people are labour voters and supporters, allowing people to fill a powerful body with self seeking 'yes' men does not create a forward thinking and flexible form of government, on local or national level/			

		There's nothing wrong with the current system. The Leader and cabinet system allows decisions to be reached after debate between members of cabinet and approval by the wider elected membership. The elected mayor system risks putting too much power in the hands of someone who will likely be elected in an election where less than half of the eligible electorate bothers to vote. Instead of putting decision making power in the hands of someone who is supposed to have a popular mandate, you're more likely to have the situation where a person with a relatively poor mandate is overriding the wishes of a group who taken together have a much wider mandate. Furthermore, it will be much more difficult to remove an unsuitable elected leader from office than it would be to remove an inappropriate member of cabinet or member elected council leader. This could lead to a situation where leicester is saddled with a fool such as the elected mayor of Middlesborough who refuses to acknowledge that there are any serious issues to be faced in a city on the edge of bankruptcy.			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
29/11/10 21:08	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Change is always good so they say			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
05/12/10 13:53	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	hopefully people will become more involved			
25/11/10 12:56	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I prefer that there are safeguards for removal from office if necessary. However, I think we should still have an honorary Lord Mayor post.			
06/12/10 00:02	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because it is the fairest and most sensible.			
30/11/10 16:53	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet				
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	If we have an elected Mayor he/she could/may appoint friends/cronies. Not Democratic			

05/12/10 12:28	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	As Vice Chair of the Leicester Council of Faiths, I am reporting the general consensus view of the majority of the senior members of the organisation. We feel the Elected mayor option will lead to a fairer system benefitting all Leicester's diverse communities.			
06/12/10 16:42	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Not ideal but the best, apparently, on offer!			
01/12/10 15:18	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	An elected mayor gives too much power to one unremovable person. It is patently obvious that the Labour Party in Leicester, by slithering out of holding a democratic referendum of all citizens, is attempting to amass unregulated power power to itself, should a member of the party become the mayor.			
25/11/10 18:39	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	The Lord Mayor should hold a non political office as does the Speaker in the House of Commons.			
01/12/10 14:27	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I would hope it gives greater stability/longer term policies			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is arrogant to change the City's constitution without asking the electorate.			
02/12/10 13:05	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
06/12/10 08:01	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More democratic. Too much power to few people. If an elected Mayor does happen then all the remaining City Councillors will not be needed and should resign.			
01/12/10 14:13	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	Democracy and choice by the electorate.			
05/12/10 09:24	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Elected Mayor over rules any other parties in power			
02/12/10 07:56	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	1)The public knows where responsibility lies for decisions made. 2)The mayor can make informed decisions which are less likely to be influenced by outside pressures.			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Mayoral elections could become a personality contest rather than a political debate and would incur additional costs.			

30/11/10 14:26	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I believe that an elected Mayor would be directly accountable to the people of Leicester, rather than to the Ruling Group. I think that this is more democratic			
30/11/10 21:29	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	LCC have made fantastically poor decisions over the past few years and have gone completely against public opinion. Having an elected mayor will hopefully put a stop to this.			
25/11/10 19:38	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	I feel that it is time for change. But feel there should be a referendum			
Nov 23 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I would have preferred the status quo situation and think that we should at least have been allowed a referendum. It would appear that once elected the Mayor could make decisions with no comeback since he/she will be in office for 4 years which does not strike me as being very democratic particularly since the Mayor's cabinet will be unelected.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I am concerned that an elected mayor could do pretty much anything they want to and we would have no way of stopping them. There would be virtually no democracy whatsoever in this option. I also don't think that the elected Mayor option should be introduced without giving voters a referendum to vote on whether they want an elected mayor not.			
Nov 24 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				
26/11/10 20:30	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Tell Labour to let the people have their say. Not doing so is a fascist act.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
26/11/10 23:01	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Because no one ever asked us if we want a mayor. If they're crap we can't get rid see Doncaster disaster for kids.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
02/12/10 07:52	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Mayor is going to be more expensive; trust me it will be, always is (changing political structure).	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
05/12/10 19:37	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Poor explanation of what exists and alternatives. Stick to something close until you can be bothered to tell us. There is considerably more info on other Council websites! I had to look at those. Pathetic consultation.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	

06/12/10 16:05	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	More balanced and democratic form of government. A lunatic leader will be removed, a lunatic mayor cannot be.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
28/11/10 22:34	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	An elected mayor will get residents more involved in the development of public services. A directly elected mayor will also make the democratic link between residents and the council stronger. If we move to an elected mayor system, then the mayor must have a well-staff executive office with a budget, or there is no point moving to this system.			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	It is the closest to the current system and allows the people to decide at a referendum when new legislation comes in.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	We don't know enough about the mayor to support it.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I don't trust the politicians who are trying to force this through; it seems to be better for them than Leicester.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
26/11/10 15:39	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
05/12/10 13:04	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	More democratic, less party aligned, more representative of the city and will avoid be removed for not following party line			
Nov 22 2010	No preference		Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
Nov 22 2010	No preference	because it will either be a labour councillor as leader, or labour will use their power in the city to make sure it is a labour elected mayor.	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	until a referendum is held then the status quo should remain - the council wastes enough money and to say they are worried about the costs of a referendum is hypocritical			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	We need to have more say on the running of our city!			
06/12/10 12:17	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	leicester faith communities support a more democratic way of selection for this role			

25/11/10 12:06	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	Until a referendum is held so that everyone can vote nothing should change. It is not the place of the Council Members to decide this matter alone			
Nov 20 2010	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet	I would rather have a system that is based on the current model (which works), and not one that is focused on big egos, like Soulsby who has always wanted a role like this.			
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet	as it is democratic	Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
Nov 22 2010	OPTION 2: Elected Mayor and Cabinet		Y	Duplicate IP-no info	
24/11/10 19:45	OPTION 1: Leader and Cabinet				

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