

## 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
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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	beacuse 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				