

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Council</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 7 pm</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Congleton Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Chief Officer and Mayor</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>14 Change to Mayor's Cadet criteria in Civic Protocol</b>		
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION</b>	<p>CTC's Civic Protocol states that the Mayor's Cadet must be nominated from one of the 'uniformed' groups in Congleton. It does not specify that they must be a resident of Congleton.</p> <p>The uniformed groups aim to be as inclusive as possible but do require parents to invest in a uniform and drive young people to group meetings and other activities such as camps. Many of them emphasise fitness and physical activity as a core component of the group's activities.</p> <p>This may mean that young people from low-income families, those without transport, or those who are SEND (have special educational needs or disabilities), may be excluded from becoming the Mayor's Cadet.</p> <p>Some 'non-uniformed' groups may also include suitable young people - such as theatre companies, youth clubs, charities such as Friends for Leisure or Ruby's, high schools, and so on.</p> <p>The lack of geographic constraint means that applicants can come from surrounding towns, many of which have their own Mayor and Mayor's Cadet.</p>		
<b>THIS PROPOSAL</b>	<p>To open up opportunities to more young people, we recommend that the word 'uniformed' be removed from the Civic Protocol when describing the criteria for the Mayor's Cadet. This will allow young people from any group to be nominated but does not preclude the uniformed groups from nominating a young person.</p> <p>Other criteria, such as being well turned out and having excellent interpersonal skills, will remain the same, to be evaluated at the interview.</p> <p>Further, we recommend that the privilege of being Mayor's Cadet should only be available to young people who live within the Congleton Parish.</p>		
<b>Environmental Considerations</b>	Restricting the role to a Congleton resident may reduce the carbon footprint of travel to civic events.		
<b>Equality Considerations</b>	This proposal is intended to make the role of Mayor's Cadet more inclusive so that any young person in Congleton can be nominated for the role.		
<b>Financial Considerations</b>	None		

<b>PROPOSALS</b>	<p>Congleton Town Council should update the Civic Protocol with regard to the Mayor's Cadet to specify that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="416 215 1453 286">1. Any group or organisation can nominate a young person to be the Mayor's Cadet, i.e. remove the word 'uniformed'.</li><li data-bbox="416 293 1166 322">2. The Mayor's Cadet must live in the Congleton parish.</li></ol>
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