

# Agenda for Annual Council

## Wednesday, 14th May, 2025, 6.00 pm



### Members of Annual Council

Councillors: A Bailey, C Fitzgerald, D Mackinder, T Olive, S Smith, S Westerman, P Fernley, R Jefferies, J Heath, M Martin, H Riddell, I Barlow, S Richards, M Goodman, Y Levine, C Nicholas, D Haggerty, B Collins, A Teye, D Wilson, C Burhop, B Bailey, A Hall, J O'Leary, M Hall, V Bonetta, A Bruce, J Brown, R Collins, S Jackson, S Chamberlain, P Arnott, K Blakey, N Hookway, O Davey, J Whibley, T McCollum, V Johns, D Ledger, J Loudoun, J Bailey, P Hayward, K Bloxham, S Hawkins, E Wragg, G Jung, C Brown, M Chapman, I Chubb, P Faithfull, S Gazzard, M Hartnell, M Howe, B Ingham, H Parr, M Rixson, E Rylance, S Hughes and F King

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Thursday, 1 May 2025

- 1 Election of Chair of the Council for the ensuing year  
The Chair will ask for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Council for the ensuing Civic Year.  
(The Chair, if nominated, may not vote on their own election).
- 2 Appointment of Vice Chair of the Council for the ensuing year  
The Chair will ask for nominations for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.
- 3 Minutes of the previous Council meeting (Pages 4 - 9)
- 4 Apologies
- 5 Declarations of interest  
Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)
- 6 Public Speaking  
Information on [public speaking](#) is available online
- 7 Matters of urgency

Information on [matters of urgency](#) is available online

8 Announcements from the Chair of Council

9 Confidential/exempt item(s)

To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

10 Election of Leader of the Council for the ensuing year

11 Leader's appointment of the Deputy Leader of the Council

12 Leader's appointment to Cabinet

The Leader will recommend the Cabinet members to act as Portfolio Holders.

13 Council Constitution and Committee Appointments 2025/2026 (Pages 10 - 350)

14 Leader of Council Report Urgent Decisions (Pages 351 - 355)

15 Annual Report - Scrutiny Committee (Pages 356 - 360)

16 Annual Report - Overview Committee (Pages 361 - 363)

17 Annual Report - Housing Review Board (Pages 364 - 368)

18 Annual Report - Audit & Governance Committee (Pages 369 - 372)

19 Member Champions Annual Report (Pages 373 - 384)

To note the report from the Member Champions for  
Armed Forces Covenant – Councillor Vicky Johns  
Arts & Culture – Councillor Olly Davey  
Mental Health – Councillor Susan Westerman  
Sports and Leisure – Councillor Simon Smith  
Safeguarding – Councillor John Heath

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