

Lord Mayor Selection and Advisory Committee

Thursday 13 February 2025

PRESENT:

Councillor Dann, in the Chair.

Councillors Aspinall, Mrs Beer, Finn (substitute for Councillor Luggar), McLay (substitute for Councillor Poyser), Murphy and Penberthy.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Luggar and Poyser.

Also in attendance: Hannah Chandler-Whiting (Democratic Advisor), Glenda Favor-Ankersen (Head of Electoral Services), Maddie Halifax (CEX/Electoral Services Practice Manager) and Elizabeth Olver (Civic Support Co-ordinator).

The meeting started at 10.04 am and finished at 10.20 am.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

9. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

10. **Minutes**

Councillor Dann took the opportunity to inform the Committee of progress made in updating Civic Protocol.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

11. **Lord Mayoralty 2025/26**

The Committee sought nominations for the Lord Mayoralty 2025/26.

Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin was nominated by Councillor Finn, seconded by Councillor Murphy.

Councillor Maddi Bridgeman was nominated by Councillor Beer, seconded by Councillor Penberthy.

Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin received four votes (Councillors Aspinall, Dann, Finn, and Murphy).

Councillor Maddi Bridgeman received three votes (Councillors Beer, McLay and Penberthy).

Therefore, a cordial invitation was extended to Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin to accept the Office of the Lord Mayor for the following municipal year.

Councillors waited upon Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin who, on arrival, expressed her delight with the nomination, which she was very grateful to accept.

The Committee agreed to recommend to City Council that it approved the appointment of Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin as Lord Mayor for the 2025/26 municipal year.