

Date of meeting:	17 March 2025
Title of Report:	<b>Lord Mayoralty 2025/26</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Tracey Lee (Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	LMS&AC 2025/26
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to propose the Lord Mayor for 2025/26 on recommendation from the Lord Mayor Selection and Advisory Committee, as per Article 5 of the Council's Constitution.

The Lord Mayor Selection and Advisory Committee met on 13 February 2025 and agreed to recommend Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin for the Office of Lord Mayor for 2025/26.

### **Recommendations and Reasons**

- I. The City Council approves the recommendation from the Lord Mayor Selection and Advisory Committee to appoint Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin as Lord Mayor for 2025/26.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected**

- I. None. The Lord Mayor is appointed annually by Council, in accordance with the Council's constitution.

### **Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan**

The Office of Lord Mayor provides support across all of the Council's areas of work as the Lord Mayor is the First Citizen of Plymouth.

### **Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:**

Remuneration for the roles of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor are already built into the budget and form part of the Members' Allowance Scheme.

### **Financial Risks**

Not applicable, as outlined above.

### **Legal Implications**

(Provided by AC)

None.

**Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:**

Subject to their appointment being agreed Councillor Ms Kathy Watkin will, as Lord Mayor, commit to reducing the carbon footprint of the Lord Mayoralty during their period of office.

**Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:**

\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None.

**Appendices**

\*Add rows as required to box below

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A	Minutes of the Lord Mayor Selection and Advisory Committee 13 February 2025							

**Background papers:**

\*Add rows as required to box below

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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**Sign off:**

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Glenda Favor-Ankersen

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 19/02/2025

Cabinet Member approval:

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Date approved: 04/03/2025