

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Subject : Nominations for Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect
Committee : Full Council
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1. Report Summary:

- 1.1 This report sets out the process for nominating the Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect for the municipal year 2026/27.
- 1.2 The nominations will follow the established order of precedence, ensuring continuity and adherence to Salisbury City Council protocol.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Each year, Salisbury City Council appoints a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming municipal year. The selection process is guided by the council's customary order of precedence, which is based on length of service and voting figures (see Appendix A).
- 2.2 The usual protocol is:
 - The current Deputy Mayor is invited to accept nomination as Mayor Elect.
 - If the Deputy Mayor declines, the next eligible member in the order of precedence is approached.
- 2.3 Nominations for Deputy Mayor Elect are then sought from members who have not previously served as Mayor, again following the established precedence list.
- 2.4 This process ensures fairness, transparency, and recognition of members' contributions to civic life.

3. Recommendation:

- 3.1 That Full Council notes the protocol.
- 3.2 That Full Council confirms nominations for Mayor Elect 2026/27.
- 3.3 That Full Council confirms nominations for Deputy Mayor Elect for 2026/27.

4. Wards Affected: All

5. Background papers: Nil

6. Implications:

- 6.1 **Financial:** None in relation to this report
- 6.2 **Legal:** None in relation to this report
- 6.3 **Personnel:** None in relation to this report

6.4 Environmental Impact: None in relation to this report

6.5 Equalities Impact Statement: None in relation to this report

Appendix A

The Order of Precedence 2025-26

	NAME	DATE OF ELECTION	WARD	% VOTE
1	John Wells	Mayor 2025 - 26	St Francis and Stratford	
2	Alan Bayliss	May 2021 – Deputy Mayor 2025-26	Milford	
3	Ricky Rogers	Mayor 1995 - 1996	Fisherton and Bemerton Village	
4	Paul Sample	Mayor 1997 - 1998	St Edmund's	
5	Jeremy Nettle	Mayor 2004 - 2005	Fisherton & Bemerton Village	
6	Brian Dalton	Mayor 2010 - 2011	Harnham West	
7	Caroline Corbin	Mayor 2021 –2022	Bemerton Heath	
8	Atiquel Hoque	Mayor 2023 – 2024	St Edmund's	
9	Sven Hocking	Mayor 2024 - 2025	Harnham East	
10	Ed Rimmer	May 2021 – Deputy Mayor 2024 - 2025	Bemerton Heath	
11	Annie Riddle	May 2021	Harnham West	17.84
12	Victoria Charleston	May 2021	St Paul's	12.50
13	Jenny Bolwell	May 2021	Fisherton and Bemerton Village	12.12
14	Samuel Charleston	May 2021	St Paul's	11.54
15	Patricia Ann Podger	Jan 2014 – May 2017, May 2025	Milford	
16	Ted Last	November 2023	Harnham West	
17	Sharon Rideout	July 2024	St Francis and Stratford	
18	Chris Taylor	November 2024	St Paul's	
19	Samuel Foster	May 2025	St Edmunds	28.72
20	Phil Beaven	May 2025	Milford	22.81
21	Mac Brown	May 2025	Harnham East	21.67
22	Richard Andrew Johnson	May 2025	Bemerton Heath	19.13
23	Andrew Suddards	May 2025	Harnham west	14.99
24	Valentina Milos	November 2025	St Edmunds	

Criteria in accordance with Services Committee minute 309, 9 February 2015:

- Date of Mayoralty in Salisbury – earliest most senior
- Presumption of Mayor only once
- Cumulative service – longest service in the City Council only is most senior
- Service – longest cumulative service, including as a Charter Trustee prior to 2009
- Percentage of vote cast – where all else equal, highest % of votes cast is senior