



Wokingham Town Council

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17th March 2025

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the **MAYORAL SELECTION MEETING** to be held in the **DIAMOND JUBILEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, WOKINGHAM** on **Monday 24th March 2025 at 7pm** for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the subjects and matters set out in the agenda below. Yours sincerely

K Hughes
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SCRUTINEER**
To elect a Chair and a Scrutineer (Please note that the Chair cannot be a nominee)
- 3 CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR**
To receive the candidates for Town Mayor-Elect as at 17th March 2024 (copy attached)
- 4 BALLOT**
To select, by show of hands, a nominee for Town Mayor-elect
(Note: This is in accordance with the council's adopted Standing Orders in respect of the selection of a candidate. Any prior selection procedure has no legal standing and only the vote taken at the Annual Meeting of Council is valid)
- 5 ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAYOR-ELECT**
The Chair will announce the result of the election
- 6 CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY MAYOR**
To receive the candidates for Deputy Town Mayor-Elect as at 17th March 2024 (copy attached)
- 7 BALLOT**
To select, by show of hands, a nominee for Deputy Town Mayor-elect
(Note: This is in accordance with the council's adopted Standing Orders in respect of the selection of a candidate. Any prior selection procedure has no legal standing and only the vote taken at the Annual Meeting of Council is valid)

8 ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT The Chair will announce the result of the election

To: All Members of Council

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Candidate statement from
Cllr Louise Timlin

I would like to put myself forward for the role of Wokingham Town Mayor, 2025-26.

Following a very fulfilling year of being Deputy Mayor, I would be honoured to represent the Town and Town Council as Mayor.

I have lived in Wokingham for 21 years, and, along with my husband, have raised both our children (now aged 16 and 17) here - although my accent does give me away as not being born here! Despite neither my husband, nor I, being originally from Wokingham, we chose to get married here, in this Town Hall. We both knew that this was where we were going to put down our roots, and Wokingham would be home for our family. I can hand-on-heart say that was one of our best ever decisions.

Wokingham is a town where you are equally likely to meet people whose families go back generations, and those, like myself, who have chosen to make it home. It is diverse, vibrant, friendly, welcoming and supportive.

Following a 30-year career in the pharmaceutical industry, I decided at the end of 2021 to change tack and to look for ways to give something back to this local community. I was elected to the Town Council in summer 2023 and have been Deputy Mayor for the last year.

Rob has been a fantastic role model as Mayor, and has also made sure I have had a great variety of events to attend and organisations to meet as Deputy Mayor. I have been inspired and humbled by the sheer volume and variety of people in our community working to ensure that it really is a community, and to provide opportunities and support for everyone who needs it.

As Mayor, I would be proud to support our Town Council to achieve its vision of embracing our past, celebrating our present and building for our future. In performing the role I would enact our principles of involving everyone, fostering town pride and enriching our community. I would strive to balance the gravity of the role with what I see as an imperative to be accessible and inclusive to residents. In chairing the council, I would engage with Katy and officers, and draw on my leadership experience to effectively run our meetings and execute my duties as Chair.

My motivation for standing to be Mayor is driven by my desire to give back to this community, to serve our residents, and to live according to my values and principles. I'm also motivated to be a role model. Our first female Mayor was in 1947 (Mary Hay Corfield) and from 1885-2024, a period of 139 years, we have had 22 years of female Mayors. Recently we have had a great track record of female Mayors, and I want to ensure we continue to inspire a diverse group of people to be councillors and Mayors.

I hope that you will be able to support my nomination for Mayor. I would be truly honoured to be elected to this role and will do my utmost to execute it with dedication, passion and humility.

Candidate statement from

Cllr Alwyn Jones

I would like to put myself forward for the role of Deputy Mayor.

I first came to Wokingham in the 1990s as a result of my association with Wokingham Town Football Club and St Sebastian's Cricket Club. I spent a lot of time here and gradually became familiar with certain areas. When I decided to move house, it was a "no brainer."

It would be an honour to serve as Deputy Mayor. I recognise the facts that the role is both a ceremonial one and one with responsibilities. Being retired, I certainly have the time and the desirability to represent the Town Council. Obviously, the position will have a steep learning curve which I shall endeavour to meet.

I am a member of various local organisations. As an example, as a Wokingham Lion, I have seen the significant amounts of charitable work that is undertaken by volunteers who do not want any recognition but spend day after day helping others and enriching the Town and the wider community.

If I was elected, I would support the Mayor in the vision of celebrating the individuals, groups and businesses that make this Town such a vibrant place to live.

Pubs, restaurants, coffee shops There is so much more happening in Wokingham if you take a longer look.

Thank you.