



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
5th June, 2025

At a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of MAY, 2025, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS NATALIE BYRON-TEARE, JP

Councillors

Mr M.R. Wheeler

Miss S. Kewin

Ms F.T.E. Logan

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr S.R. Crellin

Mr D.C. Cretney

Mr K.W.F. Ver Elst

Mr F. Horning

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P.J. Washington

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Environment and Regeneration, and the Director of Housing and Property were in attendance.

No apologies for absence were received.

1. Return of Councillors elected at the elections in April 2025

The Chief Executive reported that at the election of Councillors held on 24th April 2025, the following Members were elected;

In Douglas Central, without a contest;

Natalie-Anne BYRON of 13, Hillside Terrace, Douglas;

Mark Richard WHEELER of 7 Woodbourne Road, Douglas; and

Vacant Seat

In Douglas East, without a contest;

Susan KEWIN of 8 Victoria Terrace, Douglas;

Fenella Tracey Eugenie LOGAN of 2 Mount Pleasant, Douglas; and

Devon Robert WATSON of 3 Wesley Terrace, Douglas

In Douglas South, contested;

Steven Robert CRELLIN, of 33, Cedar Grove, Pulrose, Douglas;

David Clifford CRETNEY of 12 Manor Drive, Farmhill, Douglas; and

Karel Willem Ferdinand VER ELST of 9 the Meadows, Douglas

In Douglas North, without a contest;

Falk HORNING of Flat 4, 11 Woodville Terrace, Douglas;

Janet THOMMENY of 23, Berrywoods Avenue, Douglas; and

Peter John WASHINGTON of 4 Viking Road, Douglas

2. Confirmation of Selection of Mayor

Nomination proposed, "That the selection of Mr S.R. Crellin to be confirmed Mayor of the Borough of Douglas for the forthcoming municipal term 2025/26."

Question put on Nomination; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

3. Election of Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for a Member to serve as Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson was nominated by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning.

Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney was nominated by Mr Councillor M.R. Wheeler, seconded by Mr Councillor K.W.F. Ver Elst.

A ballot took place in which the votes were cast as follows;

Mr Councillor D.R. Watson 8

Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney 3

The Mayor declared that Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, having obtained a simple majority of the votes of the Members present, be elected as Leader of the Council and Chair of the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.

4. Election of Chair of the Housing and Property Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be elected as Chair of the Housing and Property Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

5. Election of Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Kewin, "That Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare be elected as Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

As the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare stood nominated as Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee, she relinquished the Chair and the Chief Executive called for nominations for a Member to take the Chair in order for the vote to take place.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be elected to Chair the meeting for the nomination of Chair of the Regeneration and Community Committee."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Question put on original Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

6. Chair of Meeting

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare resumed Chair of the meeting.

7. Election of Chair of the Environmental Services Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That Mr Councillor F. Horning be elected Chair of the Environmental Services Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and there voted **For** the Motion, Councillors: Miss S. Kewin, Ms F.T.E. Logan, Mr D.R. Watson, Mr S.R. Crellin, Mr D.C. Cretney, Mr K.W.F. Ver Elst, Mr F. Horning, Ms J. Thommeny, Mr P.J. Washington, the Mayor – **10**

Against: Mr Councillor M.R. Wheeler – **1**

Motion carried.

8. Appointment of a Member to the Executive Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That Councillor Ms F.T.E. Logan be elected to serve as a member on the Executive Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

9. Election of Chair of the Pensions Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, "That Mr Councillor F. Horning be elected as Chair of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

10. Election of Chair of the Standards Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, "That Councillor Ms J. Thommeny be elected as Chair of the Standards Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment and Resumption of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 2.50pm and resumed at 3.00pm with the same eleven Members present.

12. Appointment of Members to the Housing and Property, Regeneration and Community and Environmental Services Committees

The Chief Executive reported that during the adjournment the Executive Committee had met and appointed Members to each of the Committees as follows;

Housing and Property Committee

Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney

Councillor Ms J. Thommeny

Mr Councillor K.W.F. Ver Elst

Regeneration and Community Committee

Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney

Councillor Miss S. Kewin

Mr Councillor M.R. Wheeler
Environmental Services Committee
Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney
Councillor Ms J. Thommeny
Mr Councillor M.R. Wheeler

13. Appointment of Pensions Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for three Members to serve on the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, “That Mr Councillor K.W.F. Ver Elst, be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.”

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, “That Councillor Ms J. Thommeny be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.”

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare be elected a Member of the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.”

As the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare stood nominated as a Member of the Pensions Committee, she relinquished the Chair and the Chief Executive called for nominations for a Member to take the Chair in order for the vote to take place.

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be elected to Chair the meeting for the nominations for three Members on the Pensions Committee.”

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Question put on original Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

14. Chair of Meeting

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare resumed Chair of the meeting.

15. Appointment of Independent Member to the Pensions Committee

Motion moved by Mr Councillor F. Horning, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, “That the minutes of proceedings of the Pensions Committee, as contained in report of meeting held on Wednesday, 26th March 2025, recommending that Mrs Alexa Christian be appointed to serve as independent Member to the Pensions Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027, be received, approved and adopted by the Council.”

Question put on Motion, a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

16. Appointment of Allotments Committee

Resolved unanimously “That the Regeneration and Community Committee be appointed as the Allotments Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.”

17. Appointment of two allotment holder representatives to the Allotments Committee

The appointments were deferred for consideration by the Regeneration and Community Committee.

18. Appointment of a Member to the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

The appointment of Mr Councillor F. Horning, and the Vice-Chair in his absence, as the Council’s representative on the Eastern District Civic Amenity Site Joint committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027 was noted.

19. Appointment of two Members to the Isle of Man Municipal Association

The appointment of the Leader of the Council, Mr Councillor D.R. Watson and one other Member of the Executive Committee as the Council’s representatives on the Isle of Man Municipal Association for the municipal term 2025 to 2027 was noted.

20. Election of Member to the Douglas Town Band Committee

The Mayor invited nominations for two Members to be appointed as the Council's representatives on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027.

Motion moved by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, "That Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

Motion moved by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, seconded by Mr Councillor F. Horning, "That Councillor Miss S. Kewin be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee for the municipal term 2025 to 2027."

As the Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare stood nominated as a Council representative on the Douglas Town Band Committee, she relinquished the Chair and the Chief Executive called for nominations for a Member to take the Chair in order for the vote to take place.

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, "That Mr Councillor P.J. Washington be elected to Chair the meeting for the nomination of representatives on the Douglas Town Band Committee."

Question put on Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

Question put on original Motion; a vote was taken electronically, and the Motion was carried unanimously.

The Council rose at 3.15pm



p.p. Town Clerk & Chief Executive