



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
13th May, 2026

At an ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 3.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of MAY, 2026, in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, within the CITY HALL, at which Meeting the following Members were present, that is to say: -

The Mayor

MR COUNCILLOR STEVEN CRELLIN, JP

Councillors

Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare

Mr A. Hall

Ms C. Traynor

Miss S. Kewin

Ms F. Logan

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr D.C. Cretney

Mr K.W.F. Ver Elst

Mr F. Horning

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.

1. **Chair of Meeting**

Councillor Mrs N.A. Bryon-Teare was unanimously elected to take the Chair at the commencement of the meeting.

2. **Election of Mayor**

Nomination proposed by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, seconded by Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney, "That Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin be elected Mayor of the City of Douglas for the forthcoming municipal year 2026/27."

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

3. **Investiture of Mayor**

Mr Councillor P.J. Washington and Mr Councillor D.C. Cretney communicated the decision of the Council in the matter of the election of Mayor to the Mayor-Elect in the Mayor's Parlour and escorted him into the Council Chamber where the Acting Mayor invested him with the Mayor's Chain of Office.

4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor, Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin, made and subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office prescribed under Section 39 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, as follows:

"I, Mr Steven Robert Crellin, of 33 Cedar Grove, Pulrose, Douglas, having been elected Mayor of the City of Douglas, for the year commencing the 13th May 2026, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgement and ability."

The Chief Executive countersigned the declaration as having been made before her.

5. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor**

The Worshipful the Mayor appointed Councillor Miss S. Kewin to act as Deputy Mayor and signified the appointment to the Council in the following terms:

"In pursuance of Section 39 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, I hereby appoint Miss Susan Kewin to act as Deputy Mayor during my absence."

Resolved unanimously, "That the appointment as Deputy Mayor of Councillor Miss S. Kewin be recorded on the minutes."

6. **Appointment of Chaplain; Civic Sunday Ceremony**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council of the appointment of Reverend Dr. Michael Brydon as Mayor's Chaplain during his term of Office, and invited Members and Officers of the Council and other public bodies, together with ratepayers and friends, to accompany him to the Civic Sunday ceremony at St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, 27th September, 2026.

7. **Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress – Letter under Seal**

The Worshipful the Mayor presented the retiring Deputy Mayor, Mr Councillor P.J. Washington and Deputy Mayoress, Mrs K. Washington with a Letter under Seal in recognition of their service and support during the 2025/26 municipal year.

8. **Suspension of Business, Appointments of Mayoress and Deputy Mayoress**

The Worshipful the Mayor suspended the business of the meeting whilst he presented Mrs S. Crellin, as Mayoress and Mrs L. Fisher, as Deputy Mayoress, with their respective chains of office.

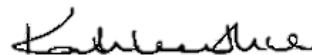
9. **Vacant Seat – North Ward**

The Chief Executive informed the Council of a casual vacancy in North Ward. Polling to take place on 16th July, 2026.

10. **Minutes – 8th April, 2026**

Minutes of monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 8th April, 2026 were approved and signed.

The Council rose at 3.25pm.



Town Clerk & Chief Executive