



City of Douglas

City Hall,
Douglas,
5th June, 2025

At an ANNUAL MEETING of the COUNCIL of the CITY OF DOUGLAS, duly convened and holden at 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 14th 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

MR COUNCILLOR STEVEN ROBERT CRELLIN, JP

Councillors

Miss N.A. Byron-Teare, JP

Mr M.R. Wheeler

Miss S. Kewin

Mr D.R. Watson

Mr K.W.F. Ver Elst

Mr F. Horning

Ms J. Thommeny

Mr P.J. Washington

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Housing and Property and the Assistant Chief Officer (Regeneration) were in attendance.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Ms F.T.E. Logan and Mr Councillor D.C. Cretny.

1. Chair of Meeting

The retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare, J.P. took the Chair at the commencement of the meeting.

2. Election of Mayor

Nomination proposed by Mr Councillor P.J. Washington, seconded by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, “That Mr Councillor S.R. Crellin be elected Mayor of the Borough and City of Douglas for the forthcoming municipal year 2025/26.”

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 Councillor Ms J. Thommeny 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 Retiring 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 Road, Pulrose, Douglas, having been elected Mayor of the Borough and City of Douglas, for the year commencing the 14th May 2025, 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 Mr Councillor P.J. Washington 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 Mr Councillor P.J. Washington to act as Deputy Mayor during my absence.”

Resolved unanimously, “That the appointment as Deputy Mayor of Mr Councillor P.J. Washington 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, 28th September, 2025.

7. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor – Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare, J.P.

Motion moved by Councillor Ms J. Thommeny, seconded by Mr Councillor D.R. Watson, “That a vote of thanks of the Council be accorded to the Retiring Mayor, Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare for her exemplary services as Mayor of the Borough and City.”

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

Councillor Mrs N.A. Byron-Teare suitably replied.

8. 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 2024/25 municipal year.

9. 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 K. Washington as Deputy Mayoress, with their respective badges of office.

10. Minutes – 9th April, 2025

Minutes of monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday, 9th April, 2025 were approved and signed.

The Council rose at 3.35p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Aboj' or similar, written in a cursive style.

p.p. Town Clerk & Chief Executive