



## EVESHAM TOWN COUNCIL



**TOWN COUNCIL meeting 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall**

### **Item 14: Procedure for nominating Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect**

In previous years, the council has informally discussed and agreed upon its Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect in February. In 2022, this arrangement was brought into question as the meeting excluded the public.

It is proposed that nominations for the Mayor-Elect and Deputy Mayor-Elect are discussed at a council meeting in advance of the Mayor-making, and recorded in the minutes in the usual way. There would be a note in the minutes that the decision would be non-binding.

Nomination forms would be drawn up and made available to councillors to put forward their preferred candidate. These would be signed by a proposer and seconder, and the candidate themselves. There would be a deadline for receipt of nominations. These would be handed into the office in sealed envelopes and opened at the meeting itself.

Multiple nominations for one candidate would not present any advantage over other candidates.

Councillors would each cast a vote for their preferred candidate. This can take place by paper ballot; if this is wished for it must be proposed and agreed in advance of the item.

In the event of an equality of votes, the candidate with the fewest votes would be withdrawn from the process and a vote would be taken on the remaining candidates. This will continue until a candidate achieves a majority. If there is an equality of votes between all remaining candidates, the Mayor may use his casting vote.

The item would be presented on the agenda as follows:

#### Election of Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect

- a) The nomination papers are opened by the Clerk (*or any other responsible person*)
- b) To elect the Mayor Elect for 2021/2022
- c) To elect the Deputy Mayor Elect for 2021/2022

In an election year, it is possible that the Mayor-Elect and/or Deputy Mayor-Elect do not get elected onto the council. However, the council will wish to know in advance who their Mayor will be in time for Mayor-making. In this case it would be necessary to hold an informal meeting to decide this; there is no scope to do this at a meeting of the council.

**The council is asked if wishes to adopt the proposed procedure.**

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