



St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council Mayor Succession - GUIDANCE

This document is for guidance only. The Local Government Act 1972 must be followed for the election of a Council Chairman/Mayor, in that they must be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council (normally held in May).

Any Councillor may put themselves forward for election as Mayor or Deputy Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council. No Councillor is prevented from being Mayor or Deputy Mayor.

The following guidance is a suggested process only.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Town Council has suggested a selection process for the position of Chairman/Town Mayor. Each year the Council can appoint a Mayor Elect at the Council meeting in January or the nearest meeting thereafter.

Suggested process is set out below.

Selection is based on the seniority of service of Councillors based on the following principles: -

- Unbroken service on the Town Council is used to prepare a list of seniority.
- The list has been prepared with those Councillors currently serving who have not held the position of Mayor taking precedence over past Mayors.
- Past Mayors have been included on the list having regard to the term of office since holding the office of Mayor.

Any Councillor elected following the preparation of the list, will be added to the Chairman/Mayor Seniority List.

2 SUGGESTED PROCESS FOR TOWN COUNCIL MAYOR SUCCESSION

That the process for Town Council Mayor Succession (Mayor Elect) may be undertaken at either the January or the nearest Council meeting thereafter.

That the Councillor with the longest service be elected Mayor;

All Councillors who had already been Mayor are not included in this process.

In the event that there is more than one Councillor with the same number of years' service, lots shall be drawn to determine the nomination.

The process of drawing lots shall take place at an open meeting of the Town Council.

All Councillors who wish to be included in the process for the position of Mayor (in the event of the Councillors having the same number of years' service), to notify the Town Clerk in writing prior to the January Council meetings or the nearest meeting thereafter. **It is must be emphasised that any Councillor can put themselves forward for the position of Chairman/Mayor or Deputy Mayor at the Annual meeting of the Town Council; this meeting normally takes place every May.**

3 PROCESS FOR CHOOSING DEPUTY MAYOR

The nominated Mayor chooses the Deputy Mayor - this position can be chosen from any of the remaining Town Councillors. This is a personal decision made solely by the nominated Mayor.

No	Councillor	When elected as Councillor	Mayoral Year
1.	Barbara Mackenzie	May 2005	2005-2008 (as Chairman of the Council)
2.	Barbara Mackenzie	May 2005	2008-2009
3.	Tony Ford	May 2005	2009-2011
4.	Christine Akeroyd	May 2005	2011-2012
5.	Angela Jacques	May 2005	2012-2013
6.	Viv Willder	May 2011	2013-2014
7.	Ed Nash	May 2011	2014-2015
8.	Vince Settle	May 2011	2015-2016
9.	Cheryl Little	May 2011	2016-2017
10.	Karen Henshaw	May 2011	2017-2018
11.	Carol Lanyon	May 2011	
12.	Beccy Bridgwater	May 2015	
13.	Graeme Neale	May 2015	
14.	Stan Trudgill	October 2016	

It is recognised that this process cannot override the legal position of the Council; that any appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor is made by the Town Council at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council.

Agreed, approved and adopted by the Town Council at the Policy & Resources Committee

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