



## THE BLACKPOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

18 May 2022, 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber

### Extended Order of Proceedings

#### 1. Seating

Council members and invited guests to their seats in the body of the Chamber, prior to the start of the meeting.

#### 2. The Mayor enters the Council Chamber

Actual order of entry: Mayor and Chief Executive

Seating:

Mayor (Councillor Amy Cross) To her place on the dais

Chief Executive (Neil Jack) To his place on the dais

**NOTE:** The Mayor Elect (Councillor Kathryn Benson), the Mayoress Elect (Mrs Therese Clark) and the Deputy Mayor Elect (Councillor Peter Hunter) and Deputy Mayoress Elect (Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter), to remain in the Parlour.

#### BUSINESS:

#### 3. Apologies for absence

#### 4. The Election of the Mayor of the Council

**To propose:** Councillor Ivan Taylor

**To second:** Councillor Lynn Williams

This will then be voted upon.

After the election of the Mayor:

- Ex-Mayor (Councillor Amy Cross), ex-Deputy Mayor (Councillor Paula Burdess) and Chief Executive (Neil Jack) to the Mayor's Parlour.
- At this juncture the meeting will be temporarily adjourned whilst the Parlour ceremony takes place.

Parlour ceremony:

- Investiture of the new Mayor and Mayoress with the Chains of Office.
- Presentation of bouquets by the ex-Mayor (Councillor Amy Cross) to the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Paula Burdess).

After the investiture (and whilst the Council meeting is still adjourned):

- The newly appointed Mayoress (Mrs Therese Clark), Ex-Deputy Mayor (Councillor Paula Burdess) and Deputy Mayoress Elect (Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter) to return to their places in the Chamber.
- The Deputy Mayor Elect (Councillor Peter Hunter) to remain in the Mayor's Parlour prior to being announced into the chamber, following his election. During this time, the Civic Attendant will invest the Deputies with the Chains of Office.

**5. Entry of the new Mayor**

Actual order of entry and seating:

Mayor (Councillor Kathryn Benson):	To her place on the dais
Ex-Mayor (Councillor Amy Cross):	To her seat, adjacent to the Mayor
Chief Executive (Neil Jack):	To his seat adjacent to the Ex-Mayor
Chaplain (Matthew Robinson Curate):	To his seat adjacent to dais

**6. The Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Benson, to make the Declaration of Acceptance of the corporate office of Mayor**

- Presentation of bouquet by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Lynn Williams) to the Mayor (Councillor Kathryn Benson) and Mayoress (Mrs Therese Clark).

**7. The appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the Council**

**To propose:** The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Benson  
**To second:** Leader of the Council, Councillor Lynn Williams

This will then be voted upon.

**8. The Civic Attendant to announce the Deputy Mayor**

- The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Peter Hunter) to enter from the Mayor's Parlour to his designated seat in the body of the Chamber.

**9. The Mayor to ask the Deputy Mayor to make the Declaration of Acceptance of the corporate office of Deputy Mayor**

- Presentation of bouquet by the Leader of the Council (Councillor Lynn Williams) to the Deputy Mayoress (Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter).

**10. The Mayor to pay thanks in respect of the service of the Ex-Mayor**

- The Mayor and group leaders / representatives will have the opportunity to thank the Ex-Mayor for her service.
- The Mayor will present a bouquet and past Mayor's medal to Councillor Amy Cross.
- The Ex-Mayor will have an opportunity to thank the Mayor.

**11. The Mayor to address the Council and ladies and gentleman of the town**

- The Mayor to address the meeting in relation to her forthcoming year.

**12. Speeches of congratulations to the incoming Mayor**

Group Leaders and councillors are invited to say a few words on the incoming Mayor. The Leader of the Council to read a letter from Bernd Tischler, Oberbürgermeister offering congratulations on behalf of the people of Bottrop.

NOTE: Councillors are advised that the incoming Mayor, Councillor Kathryn Benson wishes to be addressed as Madam Mayor.

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Invited guests retire for light refreshments.

Business in the Chamber proceeds according to the Council summons.

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