

A PROPOSAL TO UPDATE THE ROLE OF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

This proposal simplifies and clarifies FTC's civic roles and the support required from FTC.

THE MAYOR

With effect from May 2019 the elected Mayor should serve for a two year term of office.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR

With effect from May 2018 the role of Deputy Mayor should be abolished, and the Chairman of the Council should deputise for the Mayor where necessary.

There are no proposed changes to the role of Junior Mayors.

THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR

All Councillors will be eligible to stand for election, regardless of length of service and previous appointments as Mayor. All nominations should be submitted to the Town Clerk by 30th of April, in good time for circulation to the May AGM. The vote will be taken as a paper ballot at the AGM.

WHY CHANGE

There has been a number of challenges over recent years, for the Mayors, Deputy Mayors and the FTC Office. After discussion with previous Mayors and with the benefit of experience it is clear the system could be improved.

- Allows new Mayors more time to find their feet
- Clarifies how FTC should support the Mayor
- Improves the experience of our Junior Mayors – an important role in their development as young citizens.
- Potential for greater service to the Community

STANDING ORDERS AND GUIDANCE

Proposed amendments to the Standing Order are attached.

Separate guidance for the Mayor and Junior Mayors will be provided.

Councillor Mallie Poulton, Waterside Ward

Former Mayor, 2016-17

2 January 2018

REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDER 5k and Annex A

Standing Order 5 k - delete “and Deputy Mayor”

ANNEX A

Protocol for the appointment and support of the Mayor of Frodsham

Appointment

Under the Local Government Act 1972 (S245) Frodsham Parish Council opted to become a Town Council – Frodsham Town Council (FTC) in 1992.

The Chairman of the Council is entitled to call himself ‘town mayor’, however since 2012 FTC resolved to separate the role of Chairman of the Council from that of the Mayor of Frodsham, the Council’s principal civic representative.

With effect from May 2019, the Mayor will serve a two year term.

All Councillors are eligible to stand for election. Nominations should be submitted to the Town Clerk by 30th April.

The Town Clerk will circulate a list of nominations to all councillors two weeks before the date of the AGM.

The Mayor will be elected by ballot at the AGM.

Support

As the Council’s principal civic representative, the Mayor is entitled to administrative support from the Council.

The Mayor may choose a Consort, however, the civic diary should be managed by FTC in liaison with the Mayor and Consort.

The Mayor is free to organise fund raising events, however, any events requiring funding from FTC or significant FTC administrative input should be overseen by the FTC Events Committee.

The Mayor is free to raise funds for charities and local good causes.

Regalia and robes

The Regalia and robes will be held and kept by the Mayor and Junior Mayors for their tenure of office, after which they should be returned to FTC

Chairman’s Fund

There is a budget of £1,000 available to support the Mayor and Chairman in carrying out civic duties.