

Resolution of Council

21 September 2026

Item 4.1

Election of Deputy Lord Mayor

Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer

To Council:

Sections 231(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) provide:

- (1) the councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor; and
- (2) the person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

At the Council meeting of 22 September 2025, Councillor Jess Miller was elected Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately and ending on 30 September 2026.

Payment of Fees

Section 249(5) of the Act provides:

- (5) a council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

On 5 June 2000, Council resolved to:

"Pay Councillors the maximum of the range (as determined annually by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal) as a matter of standing policy. Pay the Lord Mayor the maximum of the range (in addition to the fee as a Councillor) - as a matter of standing policy (less the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee). Pay the Deputy Lord Mayor, in addition to the fee as a Councillor, an amount equal to 10 per cent of the mayoral fee actually paid to the Lord Mayor as a matter of standing policy."

Call for Nominations

Nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor are now invited. Nominations must be made in writing by 2 or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). Nomination forms will be provided to Councillors.

Conduct of Election

Schedule 7 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2021 provides the method of conducting an election for Deputy Lord Mayor (further details on election procedures will be provided to Councillors). The last time the Deputy Lord Mayor's position was contested the method of voting selected by the Council was open, exhaustive voting.

EMMA RIGNEY

Acting Chief Executive Officer

Moved by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2027
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

Carried unanimously.

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At this stage of the meeting, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, as Returning Officer, called upon the Manager OCEO to assist with the conduct of the ballot.

The Manager OCEO announced that one duly completed, written nomination had been received, namely –

Councillor Arkins (nominated by Councillor Weldon, seconded by Councillor Maxwell).

Councillor Arkins indicated acceptance of her nomination.

There were no other nominations.

The Manager OCEO then declared Councillor Olly Arkins duly elected to the office of Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately following the election and ending on 30 September 2027.

Note - the Chair (the Lord Mayor) congratulated Councillor Arkins on her election as Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillor Miller on her term as Deputy Lord Mayor. The Chair invited both the newly elected and the outgoing Deputy Lord Mayor to address Council.