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Agenda for the meeting of the **Mayoral Selection Committee** which will be held in the **Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester** on **Monday 24 March 2025** at **6.30pm**.

Steve Newman
Town Clerk

Public Speaking at the Meeting

The Chairman has discretion to allow members of the public to speak at the meeting. If you wish to speak please ask the Chairman before the meeting starts. We ask speakers to confine their comments to the matter in hand and to be as brief as is reasonably possible.

Member Code of Conduct: Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to disclose interests where appropriate. A Member who declares any interest must leave the room. A Member who declares a registerable interest as a Council nominee to a partner organisation may first address the meeting as a member of the public.

Membership of the Committee

Councillors R. Biggs, A. Canning, J. Hewitt (Chair), G. Jones, S. Jones, M. Rennie, D. Taylor and The Mayor ex-officio.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

To sign the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 30 September 2024, adopted by Council on 25 November 2024 (enclosed).

3. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To resolve "That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during their discussion."

4. Selection of Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor Elect – 2025-26

To receive an oral update from the Deputy Mayor and make a recommendation to the Council on the selection of the Mayor Elect and Deputy Mayor Elect for 2025-26.

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Mayoral Selection Committee

30 September 2024

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R. Potter) and Councillors R. Biggs, J. Hewitt (Chairman), and M. Rennie.

Apologies: Councillors A. Canning, S. Jones and D. Taylor.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18 March 2024 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

2. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Resolved

That in view of the fact that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the following matters the public and representatives of the press be excluded from this meeting during their discussion.

3. Honorary Citizenships – 2024-25

The Committee had a report by the Town Clerk which gave the history and process for granting Honorary Citizenships. Members then discussed the three proposals that had been received.

Members requested the Town Clerk to contact the nominees to ask if they would be willing accept the nomination. The next step would be for a Special Council meeting to be arranged to consider the proposed Honorary Citizenships.

Resolved

That the three nominees be asked if they would be willing to accept the offer of Honorary Citizenships subject to Council approval.

Chair