

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MAYOR MAKING MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Present:

Councillors Aitken, Ash, Bisby, Brown, Casey, Coles, Davidson, Elsey, Faustino, Ferris, Fitzgerald, Forbes, Fower, F Fox, JR Fox, JA Fox, Harper, Harrington, Herdman, Hiller, Holdich, Jamil, Iqbal, Johnson, Khan, Knowles, Lamb, Maqbool, Martin, Miners, Murphy, Nadeem, Nawaz, North, Okonkowski, Over, Peach, Rush, Saltmarsh, Sanders, Sandford, Scott, Seaton, Serluca, Shabbir, Shaheed, Sharp, Shearman, Stokes, Swift, Sylvester, Thacker, Thulbourn, Whitby and Yonga.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lane.

2. Election for the Mayor 2015 / 2016

The Retiring Mayor, Councillor David Over, requested nominations for the election of Mayor for 2015 / 2016.

Councillor Peach was nominated by Councillor Saltmarsh, and this was seconded by Councillor Holdich.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Peach was duly elected Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015 / 2016.

The Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office and the retiring Mayor, Councillor Over invested the Mayor with his Chain of Office.

The retiring Mayoress, Mrs Jackie Over invested the Mayoress, Ms Janet Martin, with her Chain of Office.

3. Election for the Deputy Mayor for 2015 / 2016

The Mayor invited nominations for the election of Deputy Mayor for 2015 / 2016.

Councillor Khan was nominated by Councillor Jamil and this was seconded by Councillor Shearman.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Khan was duly elected Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2015 / 2016.

The Deputy Mayor made and signed his Declaration of Office. The Mayor invested the Deputy Mayor with his Chain of Office and the Mayoress invested the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Naseem Khan, with her Chain of Office.

4. Investiture of Badges of Office and Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Councillor Holdich proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Councillor Over, and commended his dedication to the role and his engagement with the people of Peterborough throughout the year. Councillor Holdich paid further tribute to the retiring deputy Mayoress, Mrs Jackie Over. This vote of thanks was seconded and endorsed by Councillor Rush.

Group Leaders supported the vote of thanks, commenting on the fair way that Councillor Over had chaired the Full Council meetings during the year. Following Group Leaders comments, all Members agreed to support the vote of thanks.

Councillor Over responded to the vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to all the people who had supported him throughout his term of office as Mayor.

Councillor Over further highlighted his key achievements over the year, including the work undertaken for numerous charities. Councillor Over finished his speech by wishing the new Mayor, Councillor John Peach, well for his mayoral year ahead.

The Mayor invited Councillor Over to receive his Past Mayors Badge in recognition of his service to the city during his term of office. Upon receiving his Past Mayors Badge, Councillor Over presented the retiring Mayoress with her Past Mayoress's Badge, the retiring Deputy Mayor with his Badge, the retiring Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Rita Harper with a gift and the retiring Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Dave Maylor with a gift.

A special award was presented by Councillor Over to Carole and Robert Hughes, the founders of the charity Anna's Hope, which was dedicated to giving hope to children and young people diagnosed with a brain tumour.

The Mayor thanked all Members for their support in electing him as Mayor, and further welcomed all the newly elected Councillors to the Chamber and thanked the outgoing Councillors for all their work.

The Mayor confirmed his chosen charities for his term of office as Age UK Peterborough, the Scout and Guide Movement Peterborough, Hope Into Action and the Combined Cadet Forces, CCF, headed up by the Thomas Deacon Academy.

The Mayor further advised that his chaplain for the forthcoming year would be Reverend Greg Robert, the Vicar of All Saints Church in Park Road.

Following the conclusion of the ceremonial part of the proceedings, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

6.30pm – 7.00pm
Mayor