



# **ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Mayor-Making and Annual Meeting**

### **Monday 18 May 2025**

#### **Report of the Town Clerk on membership of council committees, sub-committees and outside bodies**

The following nominations have been made and it will be **proposed** that the following committees are appointed for the period to the next Annual Meeting in May 2027. The terms of reference and size of each committee are detailed in the [scheme of delegation and terms of reference for committees](#).

#### **Finance, Governance & Asset Management committee**

Cllr Jim Halliday (Chair)  
Cllr Elio Astone (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Oliver Forder  
Chair of the Community committee  
Chair of the Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee  
Chair of the Planning committee  
Chair of the Personnel sub-committee  
Mayor, ex officio

#### **Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee**

Cllr Gabby Barody (Chair)  
Cllr Elio Astone (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Margaret Crick  
Cllr Mark Giddins  
Cllr Tom Greenaway  
Cllr Leo Midwinter  
Cllr Colin Sanderson  
Mayor, ex officio  
Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management committee, ex officio

### **Community committee**

Cllr Neil Fawcett (Chair)  
Cllr Penny Clover (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Carol Dunne  
Cllr Murali Gunarajah  
Cllr Pat Lonergan  
Cllr Victoria Walker  
1 vacancy  
Mayor, ex officio  
Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management committee, ex officio

### **Planning committee**

Cllr Mark Giddins (Chair)  
Cllr Victoria Walker (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Margaret Crick  
Cllr Gwyneth Lewis – preferred substitute  
Cllr Carol Dunne – preferred substitute  
Cllr Lorraine Oates  
Cllr Colin Sanderson  
Mayor, ex officio  
Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management committee, ex officio

### **Museum sub-committee**

Cllr Penny Clover (Chair)  
Cllr Leo Midwinter  
Cllr Margaret Crick  
Cllr Carol Dunne  
Cllr Pat Lonergan  
Cllr Colin Sanderson  
Mayor, ex officio  
Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management committee, ex officio

### **Personnel sub-committee**

Cllr Gwyneth Lewis (Chair)  
Cllr Rawda Jehanli (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Carol Dunne  
Cllr Neil Fawcett  
Cllr Mark Giddins  
Cllr Patrick Lonergan  
Cllr Victoria Walker  
Mayor, ex officio  
Chair of the Finance, Governance & Asset Management committee, ex officio

### **Traffic Advisory committee (Four Town Council members)**

Cllr Elio Astone  
Cllr Mark Giddins  
Cllr Murali Gunarajah  
Cllr Jim Halliday  
Mayor, ex officio

This is a joint committee with other authorities and its Chair and Vice-Chair are appointed at the first meeting of the Committee.

### **Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Cllr Mark Giddins  
Cllr Andrew Skinner

### **Sub-committees**

To note that under Council and Committee Terms of Reference sub-committees shall be appointed by the relevant committees.

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## **OTHER GROUPS**

- (a) The Council should **note** that Standing Committees also have the power to establish working groups to assist in the delivery of specific tasks and should be time bound. Committees, sub-committees and working groups also have the power to co-opt non-Members with the exception of the Finance, Governance and Asset Management committee.
- (b) Finally, it should be **noted** that the Mayor and the Chair of the Finance, Government and Asset Management committee are ex-officio voting members of all council standing committees and sub-committees, and ex-officio non-voting members of all other Council bodies.

## **Appointments to outside bodies**

### **Organisation**

### **Representative(s)**

Abingdon & District Twin Towns' Society

Cllr Lorraine Oates (it is suggested Cllr Elio Astone could be invited as observer)

Abingdon Foyer Stakeholders Group

Cllr Murali Gunarajah

Albert Memorial (Abingdon) Trust

Cllr Jim Halliday

Cllr Tom Greenaway

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Earth Trust	Cllr Margaret Crick
Oxfordshire Pensions Forum	Cllr Elio Astone
Parish Transport Representative	Cllr Murali Gunarajah
River Users' Group (RUG)	Cllr Penny Clover
Radley Lakes Trust	Cllr Elio Astone
The Abingdon Bridge	Cllr Gabby Barody (it is suggested Cllr Penny Clover and Cllr Murali Gunarajah could be invited as observers)

**Nominative Governors to Christ's Hospital of Abingdon**

Governors to Christ's Hospital of Abingdon are usually appointed for the full term of the council, retiring in May 2027. Councillors nominated to be Nominative Governors of Christ's Hospital of Abingdon for 2026/2027 are Cllr Elio Astone, Cllr Penny Clover, Cllr Gabby Barody. The Mayor of Abingdon will be an ex-officio nominative governor.

Cherie Carruthers  
Town Clerk/Chief Executive  
11 May 2026