

Paper from the Mayor of Malmesbury to create two Mayoral cadets.

Report to the June 2023 meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee

Introduction

The engagement of young people in our Town Council and related civic events is important.

It is interesting to note that Chippenham has 30% elected Town Councillors aged 35 or below (6 out of 21). Its immediate past, newly elected and Mayor in waiting (new Deputy Mayor) are all drawn from that group.

The town is only one I have come across that has two young people appointed as Mayoral Cadets. They are drawn from Chippenham's uniformed youth organisations and accompany the Mayor to formal civic occasions. They are also encouraged to speak at such events. and share their experiences inside their own organisation and with other young people.

Applicants are aged 15 and over. They are invited to submit individual applications to the Mayor who selects the Cadets with advice from the Chief Executive, our equivalent of the Town Clerk.

Suitable safeguarding protocols and policies are adopted by Chippenham Town Council and are in practice.

I have not come across this practice in any other Town Council. Nor does any other Wiltshire Town Council have this number of young Councillors. This may be entirely coincidental, of course.

Proposal

- To create the posts of two Mayoral Cadets with immediate effect.
- The role description to be based on that of these posts in Chippenham Town Council.
- Applications to be invited from individuals aged 15 or above from the Malmesbury branches of the Air Cadets, Guides and Scouts.
- Appointments to be made by the Mayor of Malmesbury with the active involvement of our Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor, and Town Council representative to the Malmesbury Area Board of the Local Youth Network.

The appointments for this year to be made no later than the end of September to enable the Cadets to take part in the Remembrance commemorations.

Going forward these roles to be advertised in the New Year with a closing date of the end of March.

Suitable applicants to be reviewed by the current Deputy Mayor of Malmesbury with the active involvement of our Town Clerk, current Mayor and Town Council representative to the Malmesbury Area Board of the Local Youth Network.

**Cllr Gavin Grant
Mayor of Malmesbury
29 May 2023**