Elected Leader’s Civic Responsibilities

It is an honour for a Councillor to be elected by their peers to lead the Council either as Mayor or as Deputy Mayor and with this privilege come civic responsibilities, both specific and moral.

The Mayor is the ceremonial figurehead of the Council and will carry out this role for the many local and neighbouring communities who request a presence. If the Mayor is unavailable, the protocol is that he delegates to the Deputy Mayor who (given adequate prior notice) is expected to “stand in” for all important appointments. These will be carried out by the Deputy unless, by prior arrangement, they are cancelled. In the case of duties considered to be significant the Deputy (if unavailable) will find a substitute who must be given sufficient advanced notice.

There are a number of events in the calendar where the Town Mayor has to take the ceremonial lead and were it is imperative that our Civic regalia are seen. Top of this list is Remembrance Sunday which includes the laying of the wreath at the Town’s Memorial to soldiers and civilians who gave their lives so that we can enjoy today’s freedoms. The Civic Head of Hornsea has attended this Service since 1919. Citizens expect this ceremony to continue with many people in the community working hard to ensure it happens. These individuals include people who are not Councillors and Council Staff so it is important to demonstrate full support for this initiative.

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