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New Mayor of Great Yarmouth elected for municipal year

Councillor Paula Waters-Bunn has been elected as the Mayor of Great Yarmouth for the 2024/2025 municipal year following a vote by her fellow councillors.

Cllr Waters-Bunn brings a wealth of experience to the role having served on Great Yarmouth Borough Council for many years working tirelessly to improve the town for its residents.

Born and raised in the town, she was elected as a borough councillor in 2016 and represents the Southtown and Cobholm ward. As a passionate advocate for Great Yarmouth, Councillor Waters-Bunn was inspired to stand for election after attending council meetings as a member of the public.

Outside of the Council, Cllr Waters-Bunn works for Barrett Steel Limited as the health and safety officer at Yarmouth Steel Services.

As Mayor, Cllr Waters-Bunn will chair full council meetings and help to raise money for her chosen charities, which include Great Yarmouth Stroke Group, Age Connected and Shrubland Football Club.

The Mayor said: "All of my chosen charities are special to me. The care and support the Great Yarmouth Stroke Group and Age Connected provide for people is extremely valuable and, as a grassroots sports club, Shrubland Football Club is a beacon in the local community that I am proud to be able to support.

"It is an honour and a privilege to have been elected as Mayor by my fellow councillors and I look forward to serving the community in what is an important civic role for the borough."

At a meeting of the council on Tuesday evening, Councillor Carl Annison – who represents the Bradwell South and Hopton Ward – was also elected as Deputy Mayor for the municipal year.

It was also announced that Councillor Waters-Bunn's husband, Matthew Bunn, will be the Mayor's Consort. Father Alvan Ibeh will be the Mayor's Chaplain for the year of office and Finley McCloskey, from 901 Marine Cadet Troop, will be the Mayor's Cadet.