

REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 4th June 2024

By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for

**Aylesford North and North Downs Ward
Councillors Dave Davis, Alex McDermott and Roger Dalton**

ANNUAL COUNCIL AND NEW MAYOR

1. TMBC's Annual Council met on Tuesday 14th May and, elected Councillor Steve Hammond as Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling for the next 12 months. Chairing full council meetings, with a finely balanced council, will be a challenge but his lengthy experience as Veteran Relations and Brand Manager at RBLI, will hold him in good stead with the varied civic duties he will undertake. We wish him all the best.

GENERAL ELECTION

2. There is the General Election on the 4th July and because of this there is a considerable reduction in the number of meetings that members will be involved in. This will require an accelerated programme of meetings for members over the summer to catch up. The normal officer functions will continue although they will have to plan and deliver a very demanding election process.

3. The Conservatives have selected their General Election candidate in the Chatham and Aylesford seat . He is Nathan Gamester.