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Penrith Town Council appoints Chair & Deputy Chair

Doug Lawson, Councillor for the Penrith Carleton Ward, has been re-elected as Chair of Penrith Town Council & Mayor of Penrith at the Council's annual meeting tonight (Monday 20 May).

Councillor Danny Smith, Councillor for the Penrith South ward has been elected the new Deputy Chair of Penrith Town Council & Deputy Mayor of Penrith.

Councillor Doug Lawson, Chair of Penrith Town Council & Penrith Mayor, speaking on his re-appointment, said:

"It is an immense privilege to have been re-elected Chair of Penrith Town Council in what is my fourth non-consecutive term as Chair.

"In this first year of the new Council we have been working hard as a councillor and officer team to make a difference for the people of Penrith – with the Council involved in various projects across the town.

"One particular highlight has been to help promote the Council's grant scheme through visiting the various community organisations the Council has supported to hear not only about the projects we have helped to support but also about the invaluable work they do for and with the Penrith community.

"I am delighted to continue as Chair for another year and look forward to the Council continuing to deliver important projects for the benefit of the town.

Councillor Danny Smith, Deputy Chair of Penrith Town Council & Penrith Deputy Mayor, speaking on his appointment, said:

"I am so proud to have been elected Deputy Chair of Penrith Town Council and I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support, kindness, and for placing their trust in me."

"Having been a councillor for a year, it felt like the right time to take that next step up and take on the added responsibility which comes with Deputy Chair of the Council. I feel it will give me the opportunity to more quickly develop my skills as a councillor and be more involved in the Penrith community."

"The Council is involved in a lot of great projects across the town – which is why I can't wait to get started in this new role!"



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The annual meeting also saw Chair's appointed to the various committees of Penrith Town Council:

Finance:

- Chair – Cllr Charlie Shepherd

Planning:

- Chair – Cllr Scott Jackson

Communities:

- Chair – Cllr Hillary Snell

Deputy Chairs of the committees will be appointed at the first meeting of the respective committee.

For more information about the Council's Committees, please visit the Penrith Town Council website: <https://www.penrithtowncouncil.gov.uk/>