

Clerk's Report – April 2024

Preparations for the May Day event are well underway, with only the confirmation of bin supplies pending. The event promises to be exceptional, thanks to the efforts of the community working group, led by Councillor Weddell and Community Engagement Officer Tom Hope. They have efficiently prepared everything while staying within budget constraints.

Invitations for the Mayor Making ceremony on the 21st May have been sent, and responses are gradually coming in. Nominations for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are scheduled for the April full council meeting.

Additionally, I've contacted a local contractor who will provide guidance and a quote for upgrading the Christmas light infrastructure, in anticipation of the festive season in November. Orders for the town hall Christmas trees have already been placed.

The end of year accounts for 2023/24 have been finalised and the required information provided to the internal auditor for review. The completed annual return, along with the internal auditor's final report will be included in the papers for the May full council meeting.

This is the first time the council has an auditor that requested an interim audit, which has been included in the documents for April's full council meeting. Also included is the external audit report for 2022/23.