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A FORWARD THINKING TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

At the meeting of Godalming Town Council held on Thursday, 25 July in the Council Chamber, Godalming Town Council received recommendations from the Mayoralty Committee regarding the replacement and repair of Councillors' robes, which traditionally have been worn by all Members of the Council at council meetings and civic events.

In considering the Committee's recommendations, Members agreed that in future only the Mayor of the Town would indicate their office by the wearing of robes. Whilst Members acknowledged that the cessation of the wearing of civic robes by Councillors would be missed by many within the community, they also expressed the belief that others would not consider the cost of replacing councillors robes a priority for a forward thinking Council.

Councillor Paul Follows, Leader of Godalming Town Council said "Whilst I do understand some people's attachment to the Town Council's tradition of wearing civic robes, I believe that Godalming Town Council should be judged on what it does and not on what Members of the Council wear. In making this decision the Council recognised that the position of the Mayor needed to be considered separately from other councillors, which is why the Mayor will continue to wear the traditional red Mayoral robe."

