



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **A New Mayor for Godalming – 11 May 2017**

On 11 May 2017 Godalming Town Council unanimously elected Councillor Simon Thornton as Godalming Town Mayor for the civic year 2017/18. Cllr Thornton represents the Central & Ockford ward in Godalming and was first elected in 2011, when he was also elected as a Waverley Borough Councillor.

Simon is the second youngest of four children and was born in Haslemere. He trained as a butcher and has worked in the butchery industry since 1986. For many years, Simon worked as a butcher in Godalming, eventually becoming the Manager for Meatmaster Godalming and Guildford. In 2000, Simon bought the company, which is now The Godalming Butchers.

Simon is married to Hazel, a Bid Manager for an insurance company; he also has a ten year old daughter, who is educated in Godalming.

As a Waverley Borough Councillor, he was a Member of the Executive from 2014-2016 with portfolio responsibility for Leisure, Culture, Parks & Countryside. He is a strong team player, who is not happy unless all of the community is benefiting from improved management and spending.

The newly-elected Mayor spoke of the “honour of becoming Mayor” and announced that his two charities are to be the Farncombe Day Centre and Moss Lane School PTA.

Councillor Nick Williams was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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