



Council Corner

April and May 2026

West Ward By-Election – 26 March 2026

A by-election for a seat in the West Ward of Hayle Town Council will take place on 26 March 2026. There are two candidates standing: Rob Heslington (Reform) and Caroline Mary Muskett (Independent).

Polling stations will be open from 7:00am to 10:00pm and are located at Hayle Football Club, the Scout Hut (near Penpol School) and Paradise Park.

Please note that there will be **no poll cards** for this election. If you live in the West Ward and are eligible to vote, please take your **photo ID** to the polling station on the day.

Council Vacancies

Following the recent resignation of Tim Carey from Hayle Town Council, a notice of vacancy is currently live. If, by **7 April 2026**, a request for an election to fill this vacancy is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of Cornwall Council by ten or more electors, an election will be held. Otherwise, the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

After 7 April 2026, Hayle Town Council will seek to fill all remaining vacancies by co-option. If you are interested in applying to join the Council, please find more information about the process on our website: **Election – Hayle Town Council**.

CCTV – Additional Cameras Installed

We are pleased to advise that two additional cameras have been installed and are now operational at Hayle Recreation Ground. These will complement the existing coverage and it is hoped they will help in tackling anti-social behaviour in the area.

Our sincere thanks go to the **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for the £10,000 grant**, which was match-funded by Hayle Town Council.

Open Air Swimming Pool

We are delighted to announce that the outdoor pool will re-open on **Saturday 23 May 2026**. The Town Council team has been busy throughout the winter, and as a result you will notice a number of positive improvements this season.

We will be promoting the new swimming pool website in the coming weeks, and advance bookings will be much simpler and easier for everyone. The Facilities Team has not only improved the garden layout but also built a new ‘home’ for the lifeguards. A new surface surrounding the pool is currently being laid, replacing the slabs that have been in place since the 1970s. Additionally, we have created an accessible changing room and secured funding for

a new hoist. These improvements are designed to make the pool more inclusive and user-friendly.

We are grateful to Sport England and SUEZ for the grant funding which has enabled much of this work to be undertaken.

Precept 2026/27

Hayle Town Council has set a balanced budget focused on meeting the needs of our community.

Careful financial planning in recent years has enabled the Council to continue providing important local services through devolution, with potentially more sites and services coming on board this year. These include the library, CCTV, public conveniences, footpath maintenance and the management of open spaces such as Hayle Outdoor Pool, Hayle Recreation Ground and King George V Memorial Walk. We also continue to support local groups each year, including Hayle Day Care Centre, Hayle in Bloom, Hayle Decorative Lights and the Friends of the Towans.

We are committed to raising Hayle's profile by introducing new events and projects. To help deliver more for residents, we have budgeted for additional support within the Management Team, with the aim of securing increased external funding, improving facilities and expanding community and civic events. We have secured several significant grants during 2025–26 and aim to achieve even more in 2026–27.

The creation of a Civic and Community Hub on the library site remains a key priority. The project has progressed to RIBA Stage 4 and is ready to build, subject to securing external grant funding in the coming years.

To ensure the Council can deliver these services and plans, an independent organisational review was undertaken. This identified areas where additional resources are required, as well as opportunities to generate income. Changes to the staffing structure will be introduced in the coming year, while savings and new income streams will continue to be explored. The budget also reflects increases to the National Living Wage and the outcomes of the job evaluation process.

Following last year's significant precept rise, the Council has worked to keep this year's increase as low as possible while continuing to support the community and plan ahead. The result is a **precept increase of 4%**, which equates to **£13.96 per year (4.4%) for a Band D property**.

Recruitment Opportunities

The Town Council is currently advertising three new part-time roles. We are looking for individuals who can bring creative flair, talent and skills to our team. The roles available are:

- Project Officer
- Events Officer

- Communications and Engagement Officer

If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please do not hesitate to contact the office for more information.

Diary Dates and Annual Awards

The Annual Electors' Meeting will take place on **16 April 2026**, during which the Mayor will present the annual report. Residents are encouraged to attend and may put questions to councillors.

Nomination packs are currently available from the Council office for the **Mayor's Annual Awards**, which will be presented during the Annual Council Meeting on **15 May 2026**. If you know any volunteers or local organisations that deserve recognition, please get in touch before the deadline of **13 April 2026**.

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