

Mayor's Report to Wells City Council Annual Parish Meeting 11th March 2026.

I would like to start with acknowledging the sad loss of Cllr Tony Robbins recently. He was always very kind to me. He will be greatly missed by all at Wells City Council.

As Mayor it has been the year I have got to see and meet people in Wells and Somerset that I would not have otherwise. Spending time with carnival clubs and visiting an 18th Century sinigug have been two of the many highlights.

It has been a year of restructure and building resilience for WCC.

The new Town Clerk has been in the post for 1 year.

New Estates Committee was formed in May, as well as revision of several other committees to aid the Council moving forward.

Wells Act to Adapt Plan was adopted by the council in June 2025. There are 4 key themes –

- Improving and increasing green spaces
- Adapting to flooding
- Encouraging community driven climate action
- Co-ordinating emergency plans

The City Council has agreed and published its Corporate Priorities. Focusing on:–

- Financial Sustainability and Good Governance
- Climate Change and Asset Stewardship
- Securing the Future of Council Services
- Economic Growth and Tourism in a Heritage Context

Wells has been living through devolution from Somerset and learning what it really means to the City.

The Old Post Office, which has been empty for three years, has opened as a restaurant and trading well.

My thanks to my fellow councillors, the Town Clerk, and all the council staff for all their hard work and support. A special thank you to the Town Crier who will be retiring in May this year, after 25 years of service to Wells.

Cllr Louis Agabani, Mayor of Wells, 11th March 2026