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13th March 2025

By Email - Ms Boote

Dear Ms Boote

## Council Meeting - Wednesday 5th March 2025

Thank you for your question to Council on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

Could you confirm whether Councillor Sheila Cowen was Mayor from the period 15th of September 2024 to 29th of November 2024 and if she has received any personal invitations as opposed to invitation requests for the Flag raising event of 29th of November 2024 outside the Town Hall?

I can confirm that I have been appointed to serve as Mayor of Rotherham for the term of office 2024 to 2025 which includes the period 15th September 2024 to 29th November 2024.

I can confirm that formal invitations to the Mayor of Rotherham are routed through to the Member and Civic Support Office in Democratic Services who manage the Office of Mayor. All enquiries and invitations are sent through a formal central route Mayor@Rotherham.gov.uk as promoted and advertised on the Council's website.

Having checked with officers, I can confirm that no formal invitations have been received through this route.

I also serve as a ward Councillor in the Borough and any invitations sent to me in my capacity as a Councillor are not managed through the Mayor's office but are managed by me directly.

On 26th November the Leader and Chief Executive invited all Councillors via email to the flag raising event on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

I hope you find this information helpful.

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Yours sincerely

Councillor Sheila Cowen B.A. (Humanities) Cert.Ed.

Mayor of Rotherham