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New mayor for Newport

Councillor Allan Morris was today named as the new Mayor of the City of Newport.

He becomes the 375th mayor of Newport, having taken over the position from Councillor Miqdad Al-Nuaimi.

The new mayor will be supported during his mayoral term by his wife, Mrs Jane Morris JP.

Councillor Morris was born in Pillgwenlly and attended Alway Junior and Hartridge Comprehensive Schools, before becoming an apprentice panel beater and sprayer.

He then embarked on a career in the Fire Service, where he enjoyed an interesting and varied career that included several specialist roles.

Councillor Morris was a qualified fire investigation officer and was one of only three former Gwent officers seconded as an instructor to the prestigious Fire Service College, Moreton in Marsh.

He retired following 28-years service, ending his career with the amalgamated South Wales Fire Service as Station Commander at Malpas Fire Station.

He was the Welsh Regional Officers representative for the Fire Brigade Union and a member of the Unions Officers National Committee.

Councillor Morris was first elected to Newport County Borough Council in 1983, representing the Malpas ward, and served continuously until 1999.

During that time he was chair of the leisure committee and a member of the Welsh Arts Council. A keen supporter of the arts, he was heavily involved in the initial project that resulted in the completion of the Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre.

He was also a driving force behind the competition that produced the UK's first official town poet.

He was elected to the city council in 2004, representing the Lliswerry ward. He served as deputy mayor in 2004/5.

Councillor Morris is currently chair of governors at Lliswerry Infant School and a member of the governing body of St Patrick's primary school.

He is proud to be associated with the City of Newport Male Choir. Often the compere for their concerts, he was delighted to be made an Honorary Vice President of the choir in 2006.

The Mayor is also a member of the RSPB, Gwent Wildlife Trust and the Newport Wetlands steering group.

The new deputy mayor will be Councillor Debbie Wilcox and deputy mayoress will be Ms Fabiola Berrettoni.

Each year the Mayor of Newport chooses a charity and supports it by raising both funds and by raising the profile of the charity. The chosen charities for the



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Mayoral year 2007–2008 are Newport Scouting and the Newport division of Girlguiding UK.

During his time in office, Councillor Morris will also be encouraging local people to support Just One Child, a charity which cares for, primarily, abandoned children in South Africa, whose lives have been affected by HIV/Aids.

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