**The Structure of Godmanchester Town Council**

The Town Council is made up of 17 Councillors – a combination of elected and co-opted members. Currently our make up is 10 elected councillors, 5 co-opted and 2 vacancies. Elections are due to 2026.

We operate 5 Portfolio groups and 1 Committee. Every Councillor is a member of at least one Portfolio and 4 also sit on the Personnel Committee.

Portfolio groups – Business, Environment (including Climate), Planning, Property and Transport – are generally made up of 3 core members, the Mayor as ex officio and any other Councillor that wishes to attend the meeting. Portfolio groups can make recommendations, but any decisions must be ratified by Council.

The Personnel Committee is made up of 4 Councillors and the Mayor attends as ex officio. Attendance is limited to the 4 core members and the Mayor, and has a Terms of Reference with delegated powers which means it is able to act upon its decisions.

Unlike most other Town and Parish Councils, Godmanchester owns a not-for-profit commercial business. The Community Plant Nursery is run by a small but dedicated number of paid staff as well as volunteers from the community, including some with Special Educational Needs. The Community Plant Nursery is constantly evolving and improving. As well as opening a café during the summer months, various community events are held at the site.

