

Biography - Maureen Thompson

Maureen Thompson was elected Speaker of St Helena Legislative Council in September 2025. She pledges to approach these duties with the utmost fairness, an unwavering commitment and efficiency and is fully committed to the dignity, integrity, and professionalism of Legislative Council.

She was first elected Deputy Speaker in March 2019 until the dissolution of Council in August 2021 and was privileged to work on 3 working groups which involved discussions on the processes leading up to the consultative poll and looking at new ways of modernising structures in readiness for a Ministerial Government.

In December 2021, Maureen was appointed by the Governor to serve as a member of the Prison Visiting Committee and remained on that Committee until she was elected Speaker.

After leaving school, she worked in retail for four years until she joined the St Helena Police in June 1972, making history being the first Police Woman on the Island, with one other; attending 3 overseas courses allowing her to progress to the rank of Police Inspector.

In March 1982, she left the Island for the United Kingdom where she lived for 32 years. Whilst in the UK she worked as a Loss Prevention Officer firstly in a Littlewoods Store, then after 2 and a half years, with Marks and Spencer mainly working in their Oxford Street store for 18 years. When her contract was outsourced to a private company she then changed roles and worked in Finance in the same store until she returned to St Helena in January 2014.