

Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 2 March 2022

Attendance

Mayor Cllr Greg Brackenridge (Lab)
Deputy Mayor Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE (Lab)

Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed	Cllr Steve Evans	Cllr Beverley Momenabadi
Cllr Qaiser Azeem	Cllr Val Evans	Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE	Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre	Cllr Phil Page
Cllr Olivia Birch	Cllr Celia Hibbert	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P.	Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Paula Brookfield	Cllr Jaspreet Jaspal	Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Chris Burden	Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal	Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Alan Butt	Cllr Rashpal Kaur	Cllr Clare Simm
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Linda Leach	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Claire Darke (V)	Cllr Asha Mattu	Cllr Gillian Wildman
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar	Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN	

Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby	Cllr Andrew McNeil
Cllr Simon Bennett	Cllr Andrew Randle (V)
Cllr Adam Collinge	Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Jonathan Crofts	Cllr Paul Singh
Cllr Wendy Dalton	Cllr Udey Singh
Cllr Christopher Haynes	Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Stephanie Haynes	Cllr Ellis Turrell
Cllr Sohail Khan	Cllr Jonathan Yardley

Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
Mark Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
Emma Bennett	Executive Director of Families
John Denley	Director of Public Health
Ian Fegan	Director of Communications and External Relations
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration
Claire Nye	Director of Finance
Laura Phillips	Deputy Director of People and Change
John Roseblade	Director of City Housing and Environment
Becky Wilkinson	Director of Adult Social Services

The proceedings opened with Prayers

Item No. *Title*

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Sweet.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

3 Freedom of the City

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield presented the report on Freedom of the City for approval. The report requested Council to bestow the honour of Freedom of the City to Lisa Potts GM in recognition of her exceptional bravery in saving children in the City of Wolverhampton and charity work.

Lisa Potts GM was a former nursery teacher who valiantly put herself in harms way to protect children in her care from a machete wielding attacker at St. Luke's Primary School in Blakenhall in 1996. Lisa, was just 21 years old at the time and sustained severe injuries during the incident.

Lisa Potts GM continues to stay in contact with many of the children who were involved in the event in 1996.

The Leader of the Council proposed the recommendation, the Leader of the Opposition Group, Councillor Wendy Thompson seconded the recommendation and paid tribute to the bravery of Lisa Potts GM.

Resolved:

That the honour of Freedom of the City be bestowed upon Lisa Potts GM in recognition of her exceptional bravery in saving children in the City of Wolverhampton and charity work.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented Lisa Potts GM with a badge and scroll to commemorate her appointment. Honorary Freewoman Lisa Potts GM then gave an acceptance speech.