

### Attendance

**Retiring Mayor** Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE  
**Retiring Deputy Mayor** Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed	Cllr Steve Evans	Cllr Louise Miles
Cllr Qaiser Azeem	Cllr Val Evans	Cllr Rohit Mistry
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Jane Francis	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Ciaran Brackenridge	Cllr Sally Green	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Greg Brackenridge	Cllr Celia Hibbert	Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Ian Brookfield	Cllr Jeszemma Howl	Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Paula Brookfield	Cllr Carol Hyatt	Cllr Stephen Simkins
Cllr Chris Burden	Cllr Jasbir Jaspal	Cllr Harbinder Singh
Cllr Alan Butt	Cllr Jaspreet Jaspal	Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Jenny Cockayne	Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal	Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Rashpal Kaur	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Jacqui Coogan	Cllr Linda Leach	Cllr Iqra Tahir
Cllr Lovinyer Daley	Cllr Asha Mattu	Cllr Gillian Wildman
Cllr Claire Darke	Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN	
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar		

### Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby	Cllr Bob Maddox
Cllr Simon Bennett	Cllr Andrew McNeil
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	

### Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer

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The proceedings opened with Prayers

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*Item No.*    *Title*

**1        Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lamina Lloyd.

**2        Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

**3        Minutes of previous meeting**

The retiring Mayor proposed, the retiring Deputy Mayor seconded, and it was resolved:

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29 March 2023, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

**4        To elect a Mayor**

It was proposed by Councillor John Reynolds, seconded by Councillor Philip Bateman that Councillor Dr Mike Hardacre be elected as Mayor of the Council for the ensuing year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Dr Mike Hardacre be elected as Mayor for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Mayor's Chain of Office and Robe.

**5        To appoint a Deputy Mayor**

It was proposed by Councillor Mary Bateman, seconded by Councillor Steve Evans that Councillor Linda Leach be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Council for the ensuing year.

Resolved:

That Councillor Linda Leach be elected as Deputy Mayor for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Deputy Mayor's Chain of Office and Robe.

**6        To pass a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor and Consort**

A vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor, Mrs Sandra Samuels OBE and retiring Consort, Mr Karl Samuels, was moved by Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman and seconded by Councillor Wendy Thompson.

The Mayor presented Mrs Sandra Samuels OBE and retiring Consort, Mr Karl Samuels with their medallions of office and resolution of thanks. Mrs Sandra Samuels OBE responded to the vote of thanks.

Resolved:

That the Council expresses to Sandra Samuels OBE and Karl Samuels its appreciation of the service they have rendered to the Council during their term of office.

## 7 To receive a return of the Councillors elected on 4 May 2023

The Monitoring Officer, David Pattison, reported the names of the Councillors elected to office on the 4 May 2023 as follows:

Ward	Name	Party
Bilston North	Councillor Linda Leach	Labour
	Councillor Susan Roberts	Labour
	Councillor Rohitkumar Mistry	Labour
Bilston South	Councillor Stephen Simkins	Labour
	Councillor Gillian Wildman	Labour
	Councillor Rashpal Kaur	Labour
Blakenhall	Councillor Bhupinder Singh Gakhal	Labour and Cooperative
	Councillor Tersaim Singh	Labour and Cooperative
	Councillor Sally Green	Labour and Cooperative
Bushbury North	Councillor Paul Appleby	Conservative
	Councillor Andrew McNeil	Conservative
	Councillor Simon Bennett	Conservative
Bushbury South and Low Hill	Councillor Paula Brookfield	Labour
	Councillor Ian Brookfield	Labour
	Councillor Paul Sweet	Labour
East Park	Councillor Lovinyer Daley	Labour
	Councillor Louise Miles	Labour
	Councillor Anwen Muston	Labour
Ettingshall North	Councillor Jennifer Cockayne	Labour
	Councillor Jeszemma Rose Howl	Labour
	Councillor Zareena Russell	Labour
Ettingshall South and Spring Vale	Councillor Lamina Lloyd	Labour and Cooperative
	Councillor Jasbinder Dehar	Labour and Cooperative
	Councillor Harbinder Singh	Labour and Cooperative
Fallings Park	Councillor Steve Evans	Labour
	Councillor Christopher Burden	Labour
	Councillor Valerie Evans	Labour
Graiseley	Councillor Asha Mattu	Labour and Cooperative
	Councillor John Reynolds	Labour and Cooperative
	Councillor Jacqueline Sweetman	Labour and Cooperative
Heath Town	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal	Labour
	Councillor Milkinderpal Jaspal	Labour
	Councillor Jaspreet Jaspal	Labour

Merry Hill	Councillor Wendy Dalton Councillor Carol Hyatt Councillor Christopher Haynes	Conservative Labour Conservative
Oxley	Councillor Alan Butt Councillor Jane Francis Councillor Barbara McGarrity	Labour and Cooperative Labour and Cooperative Labour and Cooperative
Park	Councillor Claire Darke Councillor Craig Collingswood Councillor Michael Hardacre	Labour Labour Labour
Penn	Councillor Cecilia Hibbert Councillor Stephanie Haynes Councillor Paul Singh	Labour Conservative Conservative
St Peters	Councillor Obaida Ahmed Councillor Qaiser Azeem Councillor Iqra Tahir	Labour Labour Labour
Tettenhall Regis	Councillor Robert Maddox Councillor Sohail Khan Councillor Udey Singh	Conservative Conservative Conservative
Tettenhall Wightwick	Councillor Wendy Thompson Councillor Jonathan Crofts Councillor Ellis Turrell	Conservative Conservative Conservative
Wednesfield North	Councillor Philip Bateman Councillor Rita Potter Councillor Mary Bateman	Labour Labour Labour
Wednesfield South	Councillor Greg Brackenridge Councillor Ciaran Brackenridge Councillor Jacqueline Coogan	Labour Labour Labour

Resolved:

That the return of Councillors elected on 4 May 2023 be noted.

## 8 **Welcome new Councillors and to move the vote of thanks to former Councillors**

The Mayor welcomed new Councillors to the Council and expressed the Council's appreciation of the service provided by former Councillors.

Resolved:

That the Council place on record its appreciation of the valuable service rendered to the City by former Councillors Olivia Birch, Paul Birch, Adam Collinge, Rupinderjit Kaur, Beverley Momenabadi, Lynne Moran, Philip Page, Andrew Randle, Clare Simm, Sandra Samuels, Mak Singh and Jonathan Yardley.

## 9 Communications

### 1. His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla Coronation

The Mayor was delighted to report retiring Mayor Samuels joined the City's celebrations of the King and Queen's Coronation, and over the Coronation weekend attended 12 street parties all over the City.

The retiring Mayor Samuels had organised in conjunction with our Libraries Service a Coronation Poetry Competition. An Afternoon Tea style awards ceremony was held for the winners at the Art Gallery.

The winning poems would be printed, bound and sent to Buckingham Palace for His Majesty's attention.

### 2. Civic Sunday

The Mayor reported the annual Civic Sunday service would take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Collegiate Church of St Peter. Civic Sunday was an important occasion in the city's Civic calendar. An invitation would be issued to all in due course.

### 3. Falklands War Memorial Service

The Mayor reported this year marked the 41st Anniversary of the Falklands War and the Royal British Legion were holding a service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in St. Peters Square, on Thursday 15th June at 11 am. The Mayor encouraged all to attend to remember the fallen.

### 4. Armed Forces Day

The Mayor reported Armed Forces Week 2023 would begin with a flag-raising ceremony on Monday 19th June at 11am at the flagpole on the piazza.

The Armed Forces Day Celebration Event would take place at West Park between 12noon and 4:30pm on Saturday 24th June. The celebration would give everyone an opportunity to say thank you for all our armed forces do for our city and the country.

### 5. Wolverhampton Wanderers

The Mayor congratulated Wolverhampton Wanderers on securing their place in the Premier League for another season.

### 6. Wolverhampton Pride Festival

The Mayor reported the Wolverhampton Pride Festival takes place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June in the City Centre and encouraged all to attend to show support for our LGBTQ+ community.

Resolved:

That the Mayor's Communications be noted.

10 **Election of the Leader of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor Milkinder Jaspal, seconded by Councillor Stephen Simkins, that Councillor Ian Brookfield be elected as Leader of the Council on a four year term.

Resolved:

That Councillor Ian Brookfield be elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term till from May 2023 - May 2027.

11 **Political balance, appointment of the Cabinet, appointments to Scrutiny and Regulatory and other Committees, and appointments to outside bodies for 2023- 2024**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield presented a report (report and appendices one to six were tabled) on the appointment of the Cabinet and Cabinet Panels, the Scrutiny Board and Scrutiny Panels, Regulatory and other Committees, and representation on Joint Authorities/Committees and outside bodies.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield proposed the recommendations and Councillor Milkinder Jaspal seconded the recommendations.

Resolved:

1. That the political composition of the Council, and how this is applied to appointments to Council bodies, in accordance with the political balance model set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
2. That the appointment, by the Leader of the Council, of Councillors to the Cabinet, the specified lead Cabinet Member roles and Cabinet Panels set out in Appendix 2 be noted.
3. That the appointment of Councillors to the Scrutiny Board, and Scrutiny Panels, including Chairs and Vice-chairs, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report be approved.
4. That the appointment of Councillors to Regulatory, Oversight and other Committees and advisory groups, including Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as set out in Appendix 4 to the report be approved.
5. That the appointments to Joint Authorities/Committees and Outside Bodies, as set out in Appendices 5 and 6 to the report, including lead, substitute lead and voting Councillors be approved.