

## Attendance

**Mayor** Cllr Dr Michael Hardacre (Lab)  
**Deputy Mayor** Cllr Linda Leach (Lab)

### Labour

Cllr Obaida Ahmed	Cllr Val Evans	Cllr Rohit Mistry
Cllr Qaiser Azeem	Cllr Jane Francis	Cllr Anwen Muston
Cllr Mary Bateman	Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE	Cllr Sally Green	Cllr John Reynolds
Cllr Ciaran Brackenridge	Cllr Celia Hibbert	Cllr Susan Roberts MBE
Cllr Greg Brackenridge	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 Jenny Cockayne	Cllr Jaspreet Jaspal	Cllr Tersaim Singh
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal	Cllr Paul Sweet
Cllr Jacqui Coogan	Cllr Rashpal Kaur	Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman
Cllr Lovinyer Daley	Cllr Lamina Lloyd	Cllr Iqra Tahir
Cllr Claire Darke	Cllr Barbara McGarrity QN	Cllr Gillian Wildman
Cllr Jasbinder Dehar	Cllr Louise Miles	
Cllr Steve Evans		

### Conservative

Cllr Simon Bennett	Cllr Bob Maddox
Cllr Jonathan Crofts	Cllr Andrew McNeil
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
Mark Taylor	Deputy Chief Executive
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
Emma Bennett	Executive Director of Families
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Laura Phillips	Deputy Director of People and Change

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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 Paul Appleby, Councillor Alan Butt, Councillor Asha Mattu and Councillor Paul Singh.

**2        Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**3        Minutes of previous meeting**

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

That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 19 July 2023, be agreed as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Mayor.

**4        Election of the Leader of the Council**

It was proposed by Councillor Steve Evans, seconded by Councillor Philip Bateman, that Councillor Stephen Simkins be elected as Leader of the Council on a four year term.

Resolved:

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

**5        Director of Children's Services Appointment**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Simkins, presented the report on Director of Children's Services Appointment for approval.

The report sought endorsement for a twelve month secondment for the appointment of the Director of Children's Services post.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Simkins proposed the recommendation and the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, Councillor Chris Burden seconded the recommendation. They both placed on record their thanks to the Executive Director of Families, Emma Bennett for her service to the Council and delivering on key council priorities.

The report was debated by Council. Councillor Stephen Simkins replied to the debate.

Resolved:

That the 12 months secondment appointment for the Director of Children's post with effect from 7 September 2023, as per the recommendation of the Special Appointments Committee held on 17 August 2023 be endorsed.