

# Extraordinary Meeting of the Council

Minutes - 20 September 2023

## Attendance

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

## Labour

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

## Conservative

Cllr Paul Appleby	Cllr Sohail Khan
Cllr Simon Bennett	Cllr Bob Maddox
Cllr Jonathan Crofts	Cllr Andrew McNeil
Cllr Wendy Dalton	Cllr Wendy Thompson
Cllr Christopher Haynes	Cllr Ellis Turrell
Cllr Stephanie Haynes	

## Employees

Tim Johnson	Chief Executive
David Pattison	Chief Operating Officer
Emma Bennett	Executive Director of Families
Ian Fegan	Director of Communications and Visitor Experience
Charlotte Johns	Director of Strategy
Richard Lawrence	Director of Regeneration

*Item No.*    *Title*

**1        Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Obaida Ahmed, Councillor Mary Bateman, Councillor Louise Miles and Councillor Paul Singh.

**2        Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**3        Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Simkins presented the report on Conferring the Title of Honorary Alderman. He requested that pursuant to the powers contained in Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council confer the title of Honorary Alderman to former Councillors Phillip Page and Jonathan Yardley.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Simkins added Mr Page had a total of 20 years' distinguished service. He had served the residents of Bilston North Ward but also held many important positions within the Council impacting on the lives of the citizens of our whole City. He was the Mayor of the City of Wolverhampton in 2018-2019 and served on many committees.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Stephen Simkins proposed the recommendation, The Leader of the Opposition Group, Councillor Wendy Thompson seconded the recommendation. They paid tribute to the contribution of former Councillors Phillip Page and Jonathan Yardley.

The Leader of the Opposition Group, Councillor Wendy Thompson added Mr Yardley had a total of 20 years' distinguished service. He had served the residents of Tettenhall Regis Ward, but also held many important positions within the Council impacting on the lives of the citizens of our whole City and served on many committees.

Resolved:

That the title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on former Councillors Phillip Page and Jonathan Yardley.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented Mr Phillip Page with a badge to commemorate his appointment. Honorary Alderman Phillip Page then gave an acceptance speech.

The Mayor, on behalf of the City Council, presented Mr Jonathan Yardley with a badge to commemorate his appointment. Honorary Alderman Jonathan Yardley then gave an acceptance speech.