

# Minutes of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

**9<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm**  
**On line virtual meeting**

**Present:** Her Worship The Mayor Councillor Dr Jaron (in the Chair);  
Deputy Mayor Councillor Hartwell;

Councillors Ahmed, Akhtar, Akhter, Ali, Allcock, Allen, Ashman, Bawa, Bostan, Carmichael, Cherrington, Chidley, Costigan, Crompton, S Davies, Y Davies, Dhallu, Downing, Eaves, Edwards, Gavan, E M Giles, E A Giles, L Giles, G Gill, M Gill, Hackett, Hadley, Hevican, Horton, P M Hughes, P Hughes, M Hussain, M Y Hussain, Z Hussain, Jarvis, I Jones, O Jones, R Jones, S Jones, Kausar, Khatun, Mabena, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Millard, Moore, Padda, Phillips, Piper, Preece, Rollins, Rouf, Sandars, Shackleton, Shaeen, Simms, Singh, Tagger, Taylor, Tranter, Trow, Underhill, Webb, White and Worsey.

**Officers:** David Stevens – Chief Executive;  
Surjit Tour – Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer.

## 39/20 **Apologies for Absence**

No apologies were received for absence.

## 40/20 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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### **41/20 Mayor's Announcements**

Mayoral engagements had been cancelled for the foreseeable future, however the Mayor had shared a few short videos of on-line events that she had attended.

### **42/20 Minute Silence**

The Council observed a minute silence to mark the passing of Councillor Geoff Lewis and to pay tribute to all key workers in communities and those that had died due to the pandemic.

Geoff Lewis had been on the Council for 29 years representing Friar Park Ward. He served as Mayor during the 2009 – 2010 municipal year, had chaired the Labour Group for many years, was Chair of the Ethical Standards and Members Development Committee and was active on a number of committees and community groups. Geoff had been active with his Council work until just a few weeks before his death on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020.

Members paid tribute to Geoff Lewis and joined the Mayor in extending their condolences to his family.

Members also paid tribute to those key workers in the community who had worked selflessly throughout the pandemic.

The Mayor invited Councillor Taylor to speak in relation to Black Lives Matter.

The Council observed a minute silence for all black men and women who had died in similar circumstances to George Floyd.

### **43/20 Revised Senior Management Structure Proposals**

Consideration of the Revised Senior Management Structure was deferred to a future meeting to enable further engagement work to be undertaken with members.

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### 44/20      **Six Month Attendance Rule**

This matter was not considered as there had been no requests for an extension to the six month attendance rule.

### 45/20      **Appointments to Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies**

Consideration of revisions to appointments to committees, boards and other bodies was deferred to a future meeting.

(The meeting ended at 7.51pm)

This meeting was broadcast live and is available to view by clicking on the link below

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