

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council

26 July 2021 at 8.45pm
Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: His Worshipful The Mayor - Councillor Mushtaq Hussain;
Deputy Mayor - Councillor Richard Jones;

Councillors Abrahams, Ahmed, Akhtar, Akhter, Akpoteni, Allcock, Allen, Anandou, Ashman, Bhullar, Bostan, Carmichael, Chambers, Chapman, Chidley, Crompton, Dhallu, Fenton, Fisher, Gavan, G Gill, S Gill, W Gill, Hackett, Hadley, Hartwell, Henlan, Z Hussain, Jalil, O Jones, S Jones, Kalari, Kausar, Mabena, McVittie, Melia, Millar, Millard, Moore, Owen, C S Padda, I Padda, Phillips, Piper, Randhawa, Rollins, Rouf, Shackleton, Shaeen, Simms, R Singh, S Singh, Webb, Williams.

Officers: Surjit Tour – Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer; Sue Stanhope – Interim Director of Human Resources; Elaine Newsome – Service Manager - Democracy; Trisha Newton – Senior Democratic Services Officer and Stephnie Hancock – Senior Democratic Services Officer.

83/21 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ali, Costigan, Davies, E M Giles, E A Giles, L Giles, M Gill, Hinchliff, Hughes, M Y Hussain, Kaur, Khatun, Smith, Tagger and Taylor.



84/21 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors R Singh and Crompton declared a personal interest in Minute No. 86/21, Employment Matter. They left the meeting and took no part in the debate on the matter for consideration

85/21 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

Resolved that the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, information relating to any individual.

86/21 **Employment Matter**

Council considered the proposed retirement of the Chief Executive. The matter required urgent consideration in order to continue to deliver the services of the statutory officer.

Resolved:-

- (1) that approval be given to the release of the Chief Executive's unreduced pension and payment of any contractual entitlements;
- (2) that the Interim Director of Human Resources, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and Section 151 Officer, be authorised to process the early retirement of the Chief Executive;



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- (3) that Section 4 of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules be waived and that the Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee be authorised to approve any interim arrangements which include the interim appointment to the position of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service;
- (4) that, until such time as the Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee is able to approve the interim arrangements, the Director of Business Strategy and Change be authorised to undertake the roles and functions of the Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, as set out in the Scheme of Delegation to Officers at Part 3 of the Council's Constitution;
- (5) that, until such time as the Chief Officer Terms and Conditions Committee is able to approve the interim arrangements, the Director of Law and Governance be appointed as the Interim Electoral Registration Officer and Interim Returning Officer.

Meeting ended at 21.45pm

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