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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HAVERING Council Chamber - Town Hall 4 December 2024 (7.30 - 8.40 pm)

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan) in the Chair

Councillors Councillors Mandy Anderson, Robert Benham, Ray Best, Patricia Brown, John Crowder, Philippa Crowder, Keith Darvill, Brian Eagling, Sarah Edwards, Gillian Ford, Oscar Ford, Jason Frost, Laurance Garrard, David Godwin, Martin Goode, Judith Holt, Jane Keane, Jacqueline McArdle, Paul McGeary, Trevor McKeever, Paul Middleton, Ray Morgon, Barry Mugglestone, Stephanie Nunn, Sue Ospreay, Dilip Patel, Viddy Persaud, Keith Prince, Philip Ruck, Timothy Ryan, Carol Smith, Christine Smith, Matthew Stanton, Natasha Summers, David Taylor, John Tyler, Christine Vickery, Bryan Vincent, Michael White, Reg Whitney, Julie Wilkes, Christopher Wilkins, Graham Williamson and John Wood

Approximately 40 Members' guests and members of the public were also present.

The Mayor advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Town Hall becoming necessary.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

1 **PRAYERS (agenda item 1)**

The Mayor's Official Chaplain – Reverend Ken Wylie of St Andrew's Church, Hornchurch, opened the meeting with prayers.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (agenda item 2)**

Apologies were received from Councillors Joshua Chapman, James Glass, Robby Misir, Nisha Patel, Katharine Tumilty, Frankie Walker, Jacqueline Williams and Darren Wise.

3 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (agenda item 3)**

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR, BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (agenda item 4)

Members contributed to an appeal on behalf of the Jo Cox Civility Commission which sought to tackle and eliminate the abuse and intimidation of elected representatives.

The Mayor reviewed recent events in which he had participated including the London Civic Mayors Service at Westminster Abbey, his own Civic Service at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch and a recent quiz night. He had also welcomed His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on a recent visit to Havering.

The Leader of the Council expressed his support for the Jo Cox Civility Commission and also thanked his fellow Group Leaders for their support in arranging the Honorary Awards presentation that evening.

5 HONORARY AWARDS (agenda item 5)

The following proposals were before the Council:

Award of Freedom of the Borough:

Ken Hay (D-Day veteran) (Nominated by Councillor Gillian Ford, seconded by Councillor Jacqueline Williams)

Lesley Blowers (Manager, Mardyke Youth and Community Centre) (Nominated by Councillor Trevor McKeever, seconded by Councillor Matt Stanton)

Mark Bryant (Former Deputy Lieutenant) (Nominated by Councillor Stephanie Nunn, seconded by Councillor Barry Mugglestone)

Father Hingley (Former Mayor's Chaplain) (Nominated by Councillor Judith Holt, seconded by Councillor Martin Goode)

Brock Whiston (Paralympic Swimming Gold Medallist) (Nominated by Councillor Jason Frost, seconded by Councillor Ray Morgon)

Award of Freedom of the Borough – Long Service to the Council:

Former Councillor John Mylod

Former Councillor Ron Ower

Councillor Reg Whitney

Councillor Michael White

(All nominated by Councillor Ray Morgon and seconded by Councillor John Tyler)

Award of Alderman / woman:

Former Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson

Former Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

(All nominated by Councillor Ray Morgon and seconded by Councillor Keith Prince)

The proposal that Ken Hay be awarded Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** unanimously by 45 votes to 0 (see division 1) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Ken Hay receive the Freedom of the Borough.

Mr Hay was unable to attend the meeting and his award would be presented at a later date.

The proposal that Lesley Blowers receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** unanimously by 45 voted to 0 (see division 2) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Lesley Blowers receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that Mark Bryant receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** unanimously by 45 votes to 0 (see division 3) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Mark Bryant receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that Father Hingley receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** unanimously by 45 votes to 0 (see division 4) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Father Hingley receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that Brock Whiston receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** unanimously by 45 votes to 0 (see division 5) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Brock Whiston receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that former Councillor John Mylod receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** by 40 votes to 1 with 4 abstentions (see division 6) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That former Councillor John Mylod receive the Freedom of the Borough.

Former Councillor Mylod was unable to attend the meeting and his award would be presented at a later date.

The proposal that former Councillor Ron Ower receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** by 44 votes to 0 with 1 abstention (see division 7) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That former Councillor Ron Ower receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that Councillor Reg Whitney receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** by 44 votes to 0 with 1 abstention (see division 8) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Councillor Reg Whitney receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that Councillor Michael White receive the Freedom of the Borough was **AGREED** by 44 votes to 0 with 1 abstention (see division 9) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That Councillor Michael White receive the Freedom of the Borough.

The proposal that former Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson receive the award of Alderwoman of the London Borough of Havering was **AGREED** by 44 votes to 0 with 1 abstention (see division 10) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That former Councillor Wendy Brice-Thompson receive the award of Alderwoman of the London Borough of Havering.

The proposal that former Councillor Jeffrey Tucker receive the award of Alderman of the London Borough of Havering was **AGREED** by 42 votes to 2 with 1 abstention (see division 11) and it was **RESOLVED**:

That former Councillor Jeffrey Tucker receive the award of Alderman of the London Borough of Havering.

All recipients received their awards and congratulations from the Mayor and were greeted by warm applause from all sides of the Chamber.

6 **VOTING RECORD**

The record of voting decisions is attached as appendix 1 to these minutes.

Mayor

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Minute Item 6

Extraordinary Council 4th December 2024

Voting record

Appendix 1

| <i>DIVISION NUMBER:</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| The Mayor (Councillor Gerry O'Sullivan) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| The Deputy Mayor [Councillor Sue Ospreay] | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <u>CONSERVATIVE GROUP (17)</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cllr Robert Benham | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Ray Best | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Joshua Chapman | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Osman Dervish | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Jason Frost | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Judith Holt | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Jackie McArdle | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Dilip Patel | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Nisha Patel | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Viddy Persaud | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Keith Prince | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Timothy Ryan | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Carol Smith | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr David Taylor | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Christine Vickery | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Damian White | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Michael White | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <u>HAVERING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GROUP (23 + 2)</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cllr John Crowder | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Philippa Crowder | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Sarah Edwards | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Cllr Gillian Ford | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Oscar Ford | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Laurance Garrard | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr James Glass | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr David Godwin | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Paul McGeary | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Paul Middleton | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | O | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Robby Misir | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Raymond Morgon | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Barry Mugglestone | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | O | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Stephanie Nunn | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | O | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Christine Smith | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Natasha Summers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Bryan Vincent | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Reg Whitney | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Julie Wilkes | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Cllr Christopher Wilkins | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Jacqueline Williams | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Graham Williamson | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr John Wood | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <u>LABOUR GROUP (8)</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cllr Mandy Anderson | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Pat Brown | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | O | O | O | O | O | O |
| Cllr Keith Darvill | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Jane Keane | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Trevor McKeever | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Matthew Stanton | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Katharine Tumilty | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| Cllr Frankie Walker | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| <u>EAST HAVERING RESIDENTS' GROUP (3)</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cllr Brian Eagling | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Martin Goode | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cllr Darren Wise | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| <u>RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION INDEPENDENT GROUP (2)</u> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Councillor Philip Ruck | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Councillor John Tyler | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ✓ = YES | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 45 | 40 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 44 | 42 |
| ✗ = NO | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| O = ABSTAIN/NO VOTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ID = INTEREST DISCLOSED/NO VOTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A = ABSENT FROM MEETING | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 55 |

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