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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Monday, 20th May, 2024

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors S Habermel, S Ayles, M Berry, M Borton, K Buck, L Burton, C Campbell, O Cartey, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, N Folkard, D Garston, I Gilbert, J Harland, L Hyde, A Jones, D Jones, G Leroy, R Longstaff, R McMullan, J Moyies, C Mulroney, K Murphy, D Nelson, C Nevin, M O'Connor, D Richardson, K Robinson, M Sadza, S Wakefield, N Ward, J Warren, S W Allen, S Badger, M Faulkner-Hatt, I Ferguson, S Allen, P Kinsella, J McMahan, S Nadeem, J Norman, D Poulton and L Salter

Start/End Time: 6.25 pm - 6.32 pm

9 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Terry.

10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

11 Notice of Motion

The Worshipful the Mayor had agreed to call this Council meeting following a requisition by 5 Councillors, pursuant to Section 3 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, to consider the three matters referred to in the requisition and the associated motion. The Worshipful the Mayor was satisfied that these matters were legitimate subjects for the Council to debate.

Councillor Cox addressed the Council and confirmed his resignation as Leader of the Council and therefore it was not necessary to deal with elements one and two relating to the no confidence motion and removal of the Leader.

Therefore, a new Leader of the Council needed to be elected, as provided for in the Constitution.

A named vote was taken for the appointment of Leader of the Council.

For Councillor Cowan:

Cllrs Sam Allen, Stuart Allen, S Badger, M Berry, M Borton, L Burton, P Collins, D Cowan, M Dent, M Faulkner-Hatt, I Ferguson, I Gilbert, L Hyde, Anne Jones, P Kinsella, G Leroy, R McMullan, C Mulroney, S Nadeem, C Nevin, J Norman, M O'Connor, D Poulton, D Richardson, K Robinson, M Sadza, S Wakefield and N Ward (28)

For Councillor Cox:

Cllrs K Buck, C Campbell, O Cartey, J Courtenay, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, F Evans, N Folkard, D Garston, S Habermel, J Harland, D Jones, J McMahon, J Moyies, K Murphy, D Nelson, L Salter and J Warren (19)

Abstentions:

Cllrs S Aylen, R Longstaff and Woodley (Mayor) (3)

Absent:

Cllr M Terry (1)

Resolved:

That Councillor D Cowan be appointed Leader of the Council.

Chair: _____