

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 20th May, 2021

Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor J Lamb (Chair)
Councillors J Beck, B Beggs, M Berry, M Borton, H Boyd, A Bright, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, K Evans, N Folkard, D Garne, D Garston, S George, I Gilbert, S Habermel, T Harp, B Hooper, D Jarvis, A Jones, M Kelly, A Line, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, J Moyies, C Mulroney, D Nelson, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, I Shead, M Stafford, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.00pm - 7.38 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

3 Introduction of New and Returning Councillors

The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed to the meeting newly elected and returned Councillors who were elected at the Local Elections on 6th May 2021.

4 Election of Mayor for Municipal Year 2021/22

On the nomination of Councillor Anne Jones, seconded by Councillor Matt Dent, and with the unanimous support of the Council:-

Resolved:

That Councillor Margaret Borton be appointed to the Office of Mayor of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

5 Appointment of Mayor's Chaplain

The Worshipful the Mayor announced that she will be supported by Reverend Paul Mackay during her year of office.

6 The Worshipful the Mayor's Charity

The Worshipful the Mayor announced that the Mayoral Charities for her year of office would be Trustlinks and Little Heroes ASD.

7 Appreciation of Outgoing Mayor

Councillor David Garston proposed and Councillor Fay Evans seconded and the motion having been supported by other speakers, it was unanimously:

Resolved:

That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to Councillor John Lamb for the efficient and dignified manner in which he has performed the duties of the Office of Mayor during the past two municipal years, and for the ability and courtesy with which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council, and that as a token of the Council's appreciation of such service he be presented with a Past Mayor's Badge suitably inscribed and a Mayoral Album.

8 Election of Deputy Mayor for Municipal Year 2021/22

On the nomination of Councillor Stephen George, seconded by Councillor Aston Line, and with the unanimous support of the Council:

Resolved:

That Councillor Kevin Robinson be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Southend-on-Sea for the Municipal Year 2021/22.

9 Leader of the Council - Election

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council that 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 Cox:

Cllrs Beggs, Boyd, Bright, Buck, Buckley, Courtenay, Cox, Davidson, Dear, F Evans, Folkard, Garne, Garston, Habermel, Jarvis, Lamb, McGlone, Moring, Moyies, Nelson, Salter, Walker and Warren (23)

For Councillor Gilbert:

Cllrs Berry, Burton, Collins, Cowan, Cowdrey, Dent, George, Gilbert, Harp, Hooper, Jones, Kelly, Line, Mitchell, Mulroney, Nevin, Robinson, Shead, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Wakefield, Ward, Wexham, Woodley and Borton (26)

Abstentions: Cllrs Beck and K Evans (2)

Resolved:

That Councillor Gilbert be appointed Leader of the Council.

Chair: _____