SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of The Council

Date: Thursday, 21st October, 2021 Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor M Borton (Chair) Councillors B Beggs, M Berry, H Boyd, A Bright, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, 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, J Lamb, A Line, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, J Moyies, C Mulroney, D Nelson, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, M Stafford, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

Start/End Time: 6.30 pm - 8.46 pm

406 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beck, Cowdrey, Shead and Terry.

407 Communications

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Councillors that, with the agreement of the Group Leaders, all the business planned for this evening has been postponed, so that Councillors have the opportunity to pay tribute to Sir David Amess, the MP for Southend West since 1997.

408 Tribute to Sir David Amess MP

Minutes Silence

The Council remained silent for one minute as a mark of respect to Sir David Amess.

<u>Tribute</u>

The Worshipful the Mayor paid a personal tribute to Sir David Amess MP and thanked the police, paramedics and other emergency services who responded to the terrible events at the Belfairs Methodist Church on Friday 15th October 2021. The Mayor also thanked the Council staff and emergency services for all their work over the last week in response to the incident.

Councillors paid tribute to Sir David Amess MP recognising his selfless public service, his support for his constituents and all residents of the Borough as well as the many businesses, community organisations, schools and charities that he actively championed and supported and expressed their deepest sympathies and condolences to Sir David's family, friends and colleagues.

Chair: