

# **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting of The Council**

**Date: Tuesday, 1st March, 2022**  
**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor M Borton (Chair)  
Councillors B Beggs, M Berry, H Boyd, 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, J Lamb, A Line, D McGlone, K Mitchell, A Moring, C Mulroney, C Nevin, K Robinson, L Salter, I Shead, M Terry, A Thompson, S Wakefield, C Walker, J Warren and P Wexham

**Start/End Time:** 11.10 am - 12.24 pm

### **749 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Moyies, Nelson, Stafford, Ward and Woodley.

### **750 Declarations of Interest**

All Councillors declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minutes 751 and 754 in so far as they may have known Sir David Amess.

### **751 Honorary Freedom of the City of Southend-on-Sea - Introduction**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Councillors that on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the General Purposes Committee recommended that Sir David Amess, the former Member of Parliament for Southend West from 1997 to 2021, be admitted as the first Honorary Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the Council unanimously supported this award, Sir David Amess being a person of distinction who has rendered eminent services to Southend-on-Sea.

Councillors paid tribute to Sir David Amess and the formal admission was dealt with later in the meeting – see minute 754 below.

### **752 Presentation of Letters Patent on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, conferring City Status on the Borough of Southend-on-Sea**

The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed honoured guests, Their Royal Highnesses, The Prince of Wales, and The Duchess of Cornwall.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales formally presented the Letters Patent, on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, which confer on the Borough of Southend-on-Sea the status of a City. His Royal Highness on presenting the Letters Patent addressed the Council.

It was unanimously resolved:

That the Letters Patent which confer on the Borough of Southend-on-Sea the status of a city (the City of Southend-on-Sea), be received with great pleasure and appreciation.

**753 Change of Council name to Southend-on-Sea City Council**

The Worshipful the Mayor informed Councillors that as Southend-on-Sea is now a City, the name of the Council will need to be changed.

The Leader of the Council formally proposed (seconded by Councillors Terry and Mulrone) that the name of the Council be changed to 'Southend-on-Sea City Council.'

It was unanimously resolved:

That the name of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council be formally changed to 'Southend-on-Sea City Council' with immediate effect.

**754 The Admission of Sir David Amess to be an Honorary Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea pursuant to S.249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972**

Councillor Cox proposed (seconded by Councillor Lamb) that Sir David Amess be admitted as the first Honorary Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea.

It was unanimously resolved:

That Sir David Amess, the former Member of Parliament for Southend West from 1997 to 2021, be admitted as the first Honorary Freeman of the City of Southend-on-Sea, pursuant to S.249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972, being a person of distinction who has rendered eminent services to Southend-on-Sea.

**Mayor:** \_\_\_\_\_