

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

## **Meeting of The Council**

**Date: Tuesday, 26th September, 2023**

**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor S Habermel (Chair)  
Councillors K Robinson, M Berry, M Borton, H Boyd, K Buck, S Buckley, P Collins, D Cowan, T Cox, M Davidson, A Dear, M Dent, F Evans, N Folkard, D Garston, S George, I Gilbert, J Harland, L Hyde, D Jarvis, A Jones, D Jones, J Lamb, A Line, R McMullan, M O'Connor, M Sadza, M Terry, S Wakefield, C Walker, J Warren, P Wexham, R Woodley, S Ayles, C Campbell, O Cartey, G Leroy, R Longstaff and C Nevin

**Start/End Time:** 10.00 am - 11.03 am

### **71 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beggs, Burton, Courtenay, Cowdrey, Moyies, Mulroney, Murphy, Nelson, Richardson, Stafford and Ward.

### **72 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

### **73 Civic Visit**

The Worshipful the Mayor welcomed two distinguished representatives from the sister cities in Ukraine, Mr Ivan Fedorov, Mayor of Melitopol City Council and Ms Olha Pikula, Deputy of Mariupol City Council and Director of Communications and Fundraising at the Charity Fund 'I'Mariupol'.

Mr Ivan Fedorov and Ms Olha Pikula addressed the Council and shared a short film and presentation about the City of Melitopol. The Worshipful the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, exchanged gifts of friendship with Mr Fedorov and Ms Pikula.

The Council offered its unwavering support and solidarity and its firm commitment to stand by Ukraine as they face the challenges ahead.

The meeting closed with the National Anthems of Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_