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**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 Mulrone, 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.

Tribute

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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