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## SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL

### Meeting of The Council

**Date: Thursday, 18th May, 2023**

**Place: Council Chamber - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor S Habermel (Chair)  
Councillors S Aylen, B Beggs, M Berry, M Borton, H Boyd, K Buck, S Buckley, L Burton, C Campbell, O Cartey, P Collins, J Courtenay, D Cowan, T Cowdrey, 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, G Leroy, A Line, R Longstaff, R McMullan, J Moyies, C Mulrone, D Nelson, C Nevin, M O'Connor, D Richardson, K Robinson, M Sadza, M Stafford, M Terry, S Wakefield, C Walker, N Ward, J Warren, P Wexham and R Woodley

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 6.45 pm

#### **9 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Murphy.

#### **10 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

#### **11 Motion on Notice**

The Worshipful the Mayor had agreed to call this Council meeting following a requisition by 7 Councillors, pursuant to Section 3 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972, to consider the two matters referred to in the requisition and the associated motions. The Worshipful the Mayor was satisfied that these matters were legitimate subjects for the Council to debate.

The Worshipful the Mayor informed the Council that Councillor George has formally submitted his letter of resignation to the Chief Executive as Leader of the Council and therefore it was not necessary to deal with element one relating to the no confidence motion and removal of the Leader.

Therefore, 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:

Cllr S Aylen, Cllr B Beggs, Cllr H Boyd, Cllr K Buck, Cllr S Buckley, Cllr C Campbell, Cllr O Cartey, Cllr J Courtenay, Cllr T Cox, Cllr M Davidson, Cllr A Dear, Cllr F Evans, Cllr N Folkard, Cllr D Garston, Cllr S Habermel, Cllr J Harland, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr D Jones, Cllr J Lamb, Cllr J Moyies, Cllr D Nelson, Cllr M Stafford, Cllr C Walker, Cllr J Warren and Cllr R Woodley (25)

For Councillor Cowan:

̄ Cllr M Berry, Cllr M Borton, Cllr L Burton, Cllr D Cowan, Cllr M Dent, Cllr S George, Cllr I Gilbert, Cllr L Hyde, Cllr A Jones, Cllr G Leroy, Cllr A Line, Cllr C Nevin, Cllr M O'Connor, Cllr D Richardson, Cllr K Robinson, Cllr M Sadza (16)

For Councillor Collins:

̄ Cllr P Collins, Cllr R McMullan, Cllr C Mulroney, Cllr P Wexham (4)

Abstentions:

̄ Cllr T Cowdrey, Cllr R Longstaff, Cllr M Terry, Cllr S Wakefield, Cllr N Ward (5)

Absent:

̄ Cllr K Murphy (1)

Resolved:

That Councillor T Cox be appointed Leader of the Council.

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