

MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Special Council Meeting of the London Borough of Waltham Forest held at Walthamstow Town Hall, Forest Road, London E17 on Thursday, 13 July 2023.

PRESENT:

Mayor: Councillor Roy Berg

Councillors: Afzal Akram, Raja Anwar, Naheed Asghar, Vicky Ashworth, Elizabeth Baptiste, Kastriot Berberi, Marsela Berberi, Emma Best, Catherine Deakin, Andrew Dixon, Rosalind Doré, Paul Douglas, Shabana Dhedhi, Rhiannon Eglin, Marion Fitzgerald, Kizzy Gardiner, Mitchell Goldie, Kisha Green, Justin Halabi, Jemma Hemsted, Crystal Ihenachor, Kay Isa, Tim James, Ahsan Khan, Johar Khan, Kira Lewis, Khevyn Limbajee, Sally Littlejohn, Clyde Loakes, Gerry Lyons, Zafran Malik, Anna Mbachu, Miriam Mirwitch, Louise Mitchell, John Moss, Sam O'Connell, Jack Phipps, Caramel Quin, Uzma Rasool, Sebastian Salek, Alistair Strathern, Richard Sweden, Katy Thompson, Grace Williams and Jennifer Whilby

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Bell, Whitney Ihenachor, Sazimet Patla-Imre, Jonathan O'Dea, Marie Pye, Keith Rayner, Catherine Saumarez, Steve Terry and Sharon Waldron.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Louise Mitchell and Paul Douglas declared that they were season ticket holders for Leyton Orient Football Club.

Councillor Richard Sweden declared that he was a trustee of the Leyton Orient Trust

Notwithstanding their interests Councillors Douglas, Mitchell and Sweden were able to remain in the room and participate in the debate.

17. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH - LEYTON ORIENT FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

It was moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Douglas, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

- A. That pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 Leyton Orient Football Club Limited be admitted as Honorary Freemen and Freewomen of the London Borough of Waltham Forest in recognition of the eminent services they have rendered to the Borough over many years and as

an expression of the high esteem in which they are held by the Council.

- B. That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the certificates to be presented to the said persons on their admission as Honorary Freemen and Freewomen of the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

18. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH - SAIRA BEGUM MIR

It was moved by Councillor Quin, seconded by Councillor Rasool, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

- A. That pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 Saira Begum Mir be admitted as Freewoman of the London Borough of Waltham Forest in recognition of the eminent services she has rendered to the Borough over many years and as an expression of the high esteem in which she is held by the Council.
- B. That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the certificates to be presented to her on her admission as Honorary Freewoman of the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

19. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH - MARTIN ESOM

It was moved by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Loakes, seconded by Councillor Afzal, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

- A. That pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 Martin Esom be admitted as Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Waltham Forest in recognition of the eminent services he has rendered to the Borough over many years and as an expression of the high esteem in which he is held by the Council.
- B. That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the certificate to be presented to Mr Esom on his admission as Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

The Council rose at 7.47 pm having completed its business.