



**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF BIRMINGHAM CITY
COUNCIL, TUESDAY, 9
JANUARY 2024**

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 9 JANUARY 2024 AT 1315
HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Chaman Lal) in the Chair.

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Alex Aitken	Deirdre Alden
Robert Alden	Gurdial Singh Atwal	Raqeeb Aziz
Shabina Bano	David Barker	David Barrie
Baber Baz	Matt Bennett	Marcus Bernasconi
Sir Albert Bore	Kerry Brewer	Marje Bridle
Martin Brooks	Mick Brown	Zaker Choudhry
Liz Clements	Maureen Cornish	John Cotton
Phil Davis	Adrian Delaney	Diane Donaldson
Jayne Francis	Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin
Rob Grant	Colin Green	Fred Grindrod
Roger Harmer	Deborah Harries	Kath Hartley
Adam Higgs	Des Hughes	Jon Hunt
Mumtaz Hussain	Shabrana Hussain	Timothy Huxtable
Mohammed Idrees	Zafar Iqbal	Katherine Iroh
Kerry Jenkins	Meirion Jenkins	Brigid Jones
Ayoub Khan	Saqib Khan	Izzy Knowles
Narinder Kaur Kooner	Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Bruce Lines
Mary Locke	Ewan Mackey	Basharat Mahmood
Rashad Mahmood	Lee Marsham	Karen McCarthy
Saddak Miah	Shehla Moledina	Gareth Moore
Yvonne Mosquito	Richard Parkin	Rick Payne
David Pears	Miranda Perks	Rob Pocock
Julien Pritchard	Lauren Rainbow	Darius Sandhu
Kath Scott	Shafique Shah	Sybil Spence
Saima Suleman	Jamie Tennant	Sharon Thompson
Paul Tilsley	Penny Wagg	Ken Wood
Alex Yip	Waseem Zaffar	

NOTICE OF RECORDING

212 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council’s Public-I website and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

213 There were no declarations of interest made.

RETENTION OF HONORARY ALDERMAN STATUS

A report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No. 1, agenda item 3).

Councillor John Cotton moved the recommendations which were seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer.

The Lord Mayor informed Council that there was one amendment to be debated with the report (see document No. 2, agenda item 3).

Councillor Matt Bennett moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

There was no debate on this item.

Councillor Julien Pritchard was invited to speak by the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor John Cotton to sum up.

Council noted that all Groups would support the proposed amendment to the report.

The amendment to the report in the names of Councillors Matt Bennett and Robert Alden having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore-

214 **RESOLVED:-**

- 1.) That Council would review its policies in terms of the appointment and removal of the title of Honorary Alderman with a report to be brought back to

Council to consider. This review should be completed within 6 months and be reported back to an ordinary meeting of the Full Council before the end of July 2024. This review should not seek to diminish or remove the role of Honorary Alderman itself in any way, and only concern itself with how the role can be protected from individuals bringing it into disrepute.

- 2.) That Council made a recommendation to future Lord Mayors that former Lord Mayor Mohammed Afzal is not asked to undertake any official duties as the Lord Mayors Deputy.
- 3.) That Council made a recommendation to future Lord Mayors that former Lord Mayor Mohammed Afzal should not attend any official events in his capacity as a former Lord Mayor.

The meeting ended at 1342 hours.