

**Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council  
Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 at 6.00pm  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**Present:**

Councillor D Stanley (Mayor)  
Councillor H Bills (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillors A Ahmed, K Ahmed, R Ahmed, S Ali, J Baines, N Barlow, C Bayton, I Bevan, P Bradley, R Burston, R Buttery, K Casey, B Challenor, S Clark, J Cooper, B Cotterill, J Cowell, S Craigie, P Drake, C Elcock, M Evans, A Finch, K Finch, J Foster, B Gentle, A Goddard, S Greenaway, M Hanif, D Harley, P Harley, Z Islam, L Jones, S Keasey, I Kettle, E Lawrence, P Lee, A Lees, K Lewis, P Lowe, J Martin, P Miller, A Millward, S Mughal, C Neale, G Partridge, C Perks, S Phipps, N Richards, S Ridney, J Roberts, P Sahota, K Shakespeare, A Taylor, E Taylor, L Taylor, D Tyler, D Vickers, S Waltho and T Westwood together with the Chief Executive and other Officers

**Prayers**

The Mayor led the Council in prayer.

**Former Councillor John D Davies**

The Mayor referred, in sympathetic terms, to the death of former Councillor John D Davies. The Council observed a period of silence as a token of respect to his memory. Tributes would be paid at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

**Mayoral Memorial Courtyard**

The Mayor referred to the completion of the project to create a Mayoral Memorial Courtyard at the rear of Dudley Council House. Thanks were extended to Members for making financial contributions to the project. An event to officially unveil the Courtyard and Memorial would be arranged at a suitable time.

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33 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Aston, M Aston, R Body, T Crumpton, L Johnson, V Wale and Q Zada.

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34     **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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35     **Appointment of Deputy Chief Executive**

A report of the Appointments Committee was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor J Foster and

**Resolved**

That, subject to the necessary pre-employment checks, Balvinder Heran be appointed to the post of Deputy Chief Executive, in accordance with the salary and terms and conditions of employment applicable to the post, with effect from a date to be agreed.

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36     **Independent Remuneration Panel**

A report of the Lead for Law and Governance (Monitoring Officer) was submitted.

It was moved by Councillor P Harley, seconded by Councillor D Vickers and

**Resolved**

That, in accordance with statutory requirements, an Independent Remuneration Panel be established with the membership referred to below:

Richard Boot OBE DL (Lead of Dudley Group Deputy Lieutenants)  
Rt Revd Martin Gorick (The Bishop of Dudley)  
Revd Adam Hadley (the Council's Independent Person for Standards).

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37     **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business for consideration at this meeting.

The Mayor wished everyone a happy Christmas and a safe, healthy, peaceful and prosperous New Year. He referred to the success of the online Christmas Concert and encouraged Members to view the online recording of the event.

The meeting ended at 6.12pm

MAYOR