

## **Minutes of the proceedings of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 6.00pm  
in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Priory Road, Dudley**

### **Present:**

Councillor P Lee (Mayor)  
Councillor M Hussain (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillors A Ahmed, S Ali, K Archer, A Aston, P Atkins, S Azad, F Barras, D Bevan, I Bevan, H Bills, P Bradley, K Casey, B Challenor, S Clark, J Clinton, E Cobb, B Collins, M Cook, D Corfield, J Cowell, T Creed, A Dale, A Davies, K Denning, P Drake, C Eccles, S Edwards, A Goddard, S Greenaway, J Griffin, L Hamblett, M Hanif, D Harley, P Harley, S Henley, J Hill, A Hopwood, S Keasey, I Kettle, K Khan, E Lawrence, K Lewis, W Little, P Lowe, Q Mughal, S Mughal, S Phipps, R Priest, A Qayyum, C Reid, S Ridley, P Sahota, E Stafford, D Stanley, A Taylor, J Thorne, A Tromans, S Turner, M Webb and K Westwood together with the Chief Executive and other Officers.

### **Prayers**

The Mayor's Chaplain led the Council in prayer

### **National Anthem**

The Council stood for the National Anthem.

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### **43 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Bayton, P Dobb, L Johnson, C Littler, K Razzaq, D Roberts, T Russon, I Sandall, A Smith and E Taylor.

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44 **Declarations of Interest**

The Members' Code of Conduct provided for a general dispensation in relation to ceremonial honours. No other declarations were made by Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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45 **Honorary Aldermen/Women**

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted.

A motion was moved by Councillor P Harley, and duly seconded by Councillor J Cowell, to confer the title of Honorary Alderwoman upon former Councillor Margaret Aston.

At this juncture, Councillor A Aston declared, for transparency purposes, that the proposed recipient of the ceremonial honour was his mother.

Following the debate, Councillor P Harley exercised his right to reply. The motion was put to the meeting and it was

**Resolved**

- (1) That pursuant to Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council hereby confers the title of Honorary Alderwoman upon former Councillor Margaret Aston.
- (2) That the Chief Executive be authorised to make any necessary arrangements regarding the presentation of the award.

The meeting ended at 6.09 pm

MAYOR