

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Extraordinary Council held on 31 January 2024 at 6.00 pm

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**Present:** Councillors Susan Little (Mayor), Qaisar Abbas (Deputy Mayor), John Allen, Deborah Arnold, Adam Carter, Daniel Chukwu, George Coxshall, Tony Fish (*arrived 6.08pm*), Robert Gledhill, Aaron Green, James Halden, Vikki Hartstean, Mark Hooper, Andrew Jefferies, Barry Johnson, Tom Kelly, Cathy Kent, John Kent, Martin Kerin, Steve Liddiard, Ben Maney, Jacqui Maney, Cici Manwa, Fraser Massey, Valerie Morris-Cook, Sara Muldowney, Srikanth Panjala, Maureen Pearce, Terry Piccolo, Georgette Polley(*arrived 6.16pm*), Kairen Raper, Joycelyn Redsell, Sue Sammons, Sue Shinnick, Graham Snell, Neil Speight, Luke Spillman, James Thandi, Lee Watson and Lynn Worrall

**Apologies:** Councillors Paul Arnold, John Cecil, Gary Collins and Mark Hurrell

**In attendance:** Dr Dave Smith, Chief Executive and Managing Director  
Commissioner  
Asmat Hussain, Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer  
Mark Bradbury, Interim Director of Place  
Claire Demmel, Interim Director Public Realm  
Alix MacFarlane, Communications Advisor - Intervention and Improvement, Interim Director  
Patrick McDermott, Chief of Staff to the Thurrock Commissioners  
Alex Powell, Assistant Chief Executive  
Sheila Murphy, Corporate Director of Children's Services  
Kerry Thomas, Chief of Staff  
Ian Wake, Corporate Director of Adults, Housing and Health  
Matthew Boulter, Head of Democratic, Scrutiny and Member Services  
Jenny Shade, Principal Democratic Services Officer

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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

### 104. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

## **105. Freedom of the Borough**

The report presented set out the case for conferring the ceremonial status of 'Freedom of the Borough' to Reverend Canon Darren Barlow.

Members commented this was a well-deserved recognition and testament of the work that Reverend Canon Darren Barlow had undertaken in the borough. For the support, advice, care and respect that he had offered to the community. Members recognised his commitment and dedication as he had undertaken his role and how he would be missed in the community and at council meetings. Members wished him and his family good luck and well wishes for his new move to Shenfield.

### **RESOLVED**

**Council conferred and agreed the award of Freedom of the Borough on the Reverend Canon Darren Barlow.**

The Mayor presented Reverend Canon Darren Barlow with a freedom of the borough badge and scroll.

The full recording of this meeting can be viewed from the following link:

[Council - Wednesday 31 January 2024, 6:00pm - Thurrock Council committee meeting webcasts \(public-i.tv\)](#)

**The meeting finished at 6.32 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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