



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LINEN SUITE, MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : The Mayor (Councillor W J Webb MBE JP)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – P Brett, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke  
M Cosgrove, J McGrath, P Michael and J Smyth
- Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, M Brady, M Cooper, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, M Goodman, N Kelly, R Kinnear, A M Logue, A McAuley, N McClelland, T McGrann, V McWilliam, M Magill, B Mallon, J Montgomery, N Ramsay, V Robinson, S Ross, L Smyth, M Stewart, R Swann and R Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - J Dixon  
Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance – S Cole  
Deputy Chief Executive of Operations – G Girvan  
Director of Organisation Development - D Rogers  
Director of Community Planning – U Fay  
Head of Communications and Customers - N McCullough  
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey  
Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
ICT Helpdesk Officer - J Wilson  
Member Services Manager – V Lisk

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Special Council Meeting and reminded all present of the audio-recording protocol.

Although the COVID restrictions had been relaxed, to manage numbers and minimise risk, members of the public and press could continue to access those parts of the Council meetings which they are entitled to attend through the livestream on the Council's website.

## **1 APOLOGIES**

Aldermen – Agnew and Girvan  
Councillor Lynch

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 3 - The Mayor, Councillor Webb - non-pecuniary

## **3 MOTION**

Moved by: Alderman J McGrath

Seconded by: Alderman P Brett  
Alderman M Cosgrove  
Councillor N Kelly  
Councillor N McClelland  
Councillor H Cushinan  
Councillor M Stewart

*"This Council confers the Freedom of the Borough on the Northern Ireland Hospice in recognition and appreciation of the exceptional and outstanding specialist palliative care service provided by the Hospice to people with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions, and for the support provided to their families, within both the Borough of Antrim and Newtownabbey and in Northern Ireland."*

Group Leaders, on behalf of their Parties, or their nominated Party colleagues, spoke in support of the Motion as did Independent Member, Councillor Stewart.

The Motion was declared unanimously carried.

*ACTION BY: Jacqui Dixon, Chief Executive*

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business on the agenda the meeting concluded at 6.42 pm.

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**MAYOR**