



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD
AT MOSSLEY MILL ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor L Kirkpatrick)
- Members Present** : Aldermen – L Clarke, M Magill, P Michael, S Ross and J Smyth
- : Councillors – A Bennington, M Brady, M Cooper, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour, N Kelly, R Lynch, H Magill, B Mallon, E McLaughlin, M Ní Chonghaile, A O’Lone, M Stewart, S Ward, B Webb and S Wilson
- Members Present (Remotely)** : Aldermen – P Bradley, J McGrath
- : Councillors - J Burbank, S Cosgrove, H Cushinan, M Goodman, R Kinnear, AM Logue, A McAuley, T McGrann, V McWilliam and L O’Hagan
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - R Baker
Director of Community and Culture – U Fay
Director of Environment Services and Sustainability – M Laverty
Deputy Director of Governance – L Johnston
Borough Lawyer (Legal, Land Governance and Policy) – P Casey
Head of Waste Strategy and Sustainability – L Daly
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson
Member Services Officer – S Fisher
PA to Mayor and Deputy Mayor – L Molyneaux

MAYOR’S REMARKS

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

1. APOLOGIES

Alderman – T Campbell, M Cosgrove
Councillor – J Archibald-Brown

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. The Mayor advised that in accordance with section 5 of Standing Orders, the following request had been received to convene this Special Council Meeting.

“Despite an assurance given by Bryson, our constituents continue to experience a far from satisfactory service. We therefore request a meeting, with or without Bryson representation, to collectively voice our concerns and consider the recovery.”

4. PRESENTATION

The Mayor advised that in order for the Borough Lawyer to provide a legal briefing to Members, the next part of the meeting would be taken ‘In Committee’.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct the following business ‘In Committee’.

Members were advised that the live stream and audio recording would cease at this point.

The Borough Lawyer provided a legal briefing to Members regarding the Code of Conduct for Councillors and the disclosure of confidential information.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘OUT OF COMMITTEE’

Moved by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct any remaining business ‘In Public’.

Members were advised that the audio recording would restart at this point.

4.1 Michael Laverty, Director of Environment Services and Sustainability provided a tabled presentation to Members.

Councillor Webb, Councillor Foster, Alderman Magill, Councillor Lynch, Councillor Ward and Councillor Stewart gave an overview of their concerns and those raised by their constituents including the need for contractor accountability, a swift resolution of the issues, sustained service improvement and enhanced communications.

Proposed by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED - that the presentation be noted.

NO ACTION

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Councillor Foster and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

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Alderman Ross left the Meeting.

Councillors Burbank and Kinnear left the meeting during Item 5.1

Councillor Mallon joined the Meeting during Item 5.1.

Aldermen Clarke and Magill and Councillors Cooper, Foster and Wilson left and returned to the Chamber during Item 5.1.

5. ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

5.1 IN CONFIDENCE PRESENTATION

Michael Laverty, Director of Environment Services and Sustainability provided a tabled presentation [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Moved by Councillor McLaughlin
Seconded by Alderman Michael and

RESOLVED - that the presentation be noted.

ACTION BY: Richard Baker, Chief Executive and Michael Laverty, Director of Environment Services and Sustainability

MOTION TO PROCEED 'OUT OF COMMITTEE'

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Dunlop and

RESOLVED - that the Council proceeds to conduct any remaining business 'In Public'.

Members were advised that the audio recording would restart at this point.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting concluded at 8.36pm.

MAYOR

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