



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, MOSSLEY MILL ON WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 6.30 PM

- In the Chair** : Mayor (Councillor M Cooper)
- Members Present (In Person)** : Aldermen – M Magill, S Ross and J Smyth
Councillors – A Bennington, J Gilmour, M Goodman, R Lynch and V McWilliam
- Members Present (Remote)** : Aldermen – P Bradley, L Clarke, M Cosgrove and J McGrath
Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, M Brady, J Burbank, H Cushinan, P Dunlop, S Flanagan, R Foster, R Kinnear, H Magill, B Mallon, A McAuley, T McGrann, E McLaughlin, L O'Hagan, A O'Lone, L Smyth, M Stewart, B Webb and S Wilson
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive – R Baker
Director of Economic Development and Planning - M McAlister
Director of Finance and Governance – S Cole
Director of Community Planning - U Fay (remotely)
Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey
Head of Corporate Affairs – J McIntyre
Deputy Director of Governance – L Johnston
Deputy Director of Finance – J Balmer
Head of Finance – R Murray
ICT Change Officer – A Cole
PA to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor – S Fisher

MAYOR'S REMARKS

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

1 APOLOGIES

Alderman P Michael
Councillors S Cosgrove, N Kelly, M Ní Chonghaile

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL ESTIMATES 2024/2025

Moved by Councillor Goodman
Seconded by Alderman Magill that the estimates for the year 2024/25 be approved and the expenditure included therein authorised and that the District Rates for the year commencing 1 April 2024 be fixed at 27.5128p and 0.4094p in the pound for non-domestic and domestic property respectively.

Councillor Lynch did not support the proposal and the Mayor advised that a vote would be taken.

On the proposal being put to the meeting, and a recorded vote having been requested by Councillor Webb, Members voted as follows:

In favour of the proposal Members viz 31	Against the proposal Members viz 1	Abstentions Members viz 0
<p>Aldermen –Bradley, Clarke, M Cosgrove, M Magill, McGrath, Ross and J Smyth</p> <p>Councillors – Archibald-Brown, Bennington, Brady, Burbank, Cooper, Cushinan, Dunlop, Flanagan, Foster, Gilmour, Goodman, Kinnear, H Magill, Mallon, McAuley, McGrann, McLaughlin, McWilliam, O'Hagan, O'Lone, L Smyth, Stewart, Webb and Wilson</p>	<p>Councillor R Lynch</p>	

31 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions. The proposal was declared carried and it was

RESOLVED - that the estimates for the year 2024/25 be approved and the expenditure included therein authorised and that the District Rates for the year commencing 1 April 2024 be fixed at 27.5128p and 0.4094p in the pound for non-domestic and domestic property respectively.

ACTION BY: Richard Murray, Head of Finance

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business on the agenda the meeting concluded at 6.59pm.

MAYOR