



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE LINEN SUITE, MOSSLEY MILL ON THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 6.00 PM**

**In the Chair:** The Mayor (Councillor W J Webb MBE JP)

**Members Present:** Aldermen – F Agnew, P Brett, T Burns, T Campbell, L Clarke  
M Cosgrove, M Girvan, P Michael, J McGrath and J Smyth

Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, M Cooper,  
H Cushinan, P Dunlop, G Finlay, S Flanagan, R Foster, J Gilmour,  
L Irwin, R Kinnear, R Lynch, A McAuley, N McClelland,  
V McWilliam, M Magill, 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 Economic Growth - M McAlister  
Deputy Chief Executive of Operations (Interim) – G Girvan  
Deputy Chief Executive of Finance and Governance (Interim) – S Cole  
Interim Director of Communications and Customers (Consultant) –  
S Hope  
Director of Community Planning - U Fay  
Head of HR (Interim) – J Close  
Head of Governance – L Johnston  
ICT Change Officer – A Cole  
Systems Support Officer – C Bell  
ICT Helpdesk Officer – J Wilson  
Member Services Officer – S Boyd  
Mayor & Member Services Officer – S Fisher

In order to protect public health during the current COVID-19 emergency it was not possible to allow the public or the press to physically attend the meeting. The public and the press can access those parts of the meeting which they are entitled to attend via live stream (a link to which is on the Council website). The meeting minutes and audio recording will be published on the Council's website.

**1 BIBLE READING, PRAYER AND WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed all present to the meeting, and advised Members of the audio recording procedures.

The meeting opened with a Bible reading and prayer from the Reverend Campbell Dixon.

At the request of the Mayor, a minute's silence was observed.

**2 APOLOGIES**

Councillors - Goodman, Kelly, Logue and McGrann

**4. TRIBUTES TO COUNCILLOR PAUL HAMILL**

The Mayor and Party Leaders, on behalf of their Groups, paid tribute to Councillor Paul Hamill and expressed their sincere condolences to his wife Ruth, daughters Sarah and Grace, and the extended family.

The Mayor then invited other Members to pay their own personal tributes.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and there being no further business on the Agenda the meeting concluded at 6.49 pm.

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**MAYOR**