

**COUNCIL MEETING
Friday 19 May 2023**

Present:- Councillor Tajamal Khan (in the Chair); Councillors Taylor, Alam, Allen, Andrews, Atkin, Aveyard, Ball, Beck, Bennett-Sylvester, Bird, Brookes, Browne, C Carter, Clark, T. Collingham, Z. Collingham, Cowen, Cusworth, Elliott, Ellis, Fisher, Foster, Griffin, Haleem, Havard, Hoddinott, Hughes, Hunter, Jones, Keenan, Lelliott, Monk, Pitchley, Read, Reynolds, Roche, Tarmey, Wilson, Wyatt and Yasseen.

The webcast of the Council Meeting can be viewed at:-

<https://rotherham.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

181. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Resolved: That Councillor Robert Taylor be elected Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that he be entitled to the style of Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Mover: Councillor Pitchley

Secunder: Councillor Keenan

Councillor Taylor thereupon made and subscribed the statutory declaration of acceptance of office.

(Councillor Taylor assumed the Chair)

182. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR (COUNCILLOR TAJAMAL KHAN)

Resolved: That the Council tender its sincere thanks to Councillor Tajamal Khan for the excellent manner in which he has carried out all his duties as Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham. And that the best thanks of this Council be recorded for the kind and admirable way in which Mrs Shagufta Kausar performed the duties of Mayoress.

Mover: Councillor Read

Secunder: Councillor Allen

183. PRESENTATION OF THE PAST MAYOR'S PENDANTS

The Mayor asked the Council to join him in offering his sincere thanks to Councillor Tajamal Khan for the excellent manner in which he had carried out all of his duties as Mayor and formally presented him and the Mayoress with their past Mayor's pendants.

184. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

Resolved: That Councillor Sheila Cowen be elected Vice-Chairman of the Rotherham Borough Council for the ensuing Municipal Year and that she be entitled to the style of Deputy Mayor by virtue of Section 245(1) of the

Local Government Act 1972.

Mover: Councillor Cusworth

Seconder: Councillor Bird

185. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bacon, Baker-Rogers, Baum-Dixon, Burnett, A Carter, Castledine-Dack, Cooksey, McNeely, Mills, Miro, Sansome, Sheppard, Thompson, Tinsley, and Whomersley.

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

187. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR'S CADETS

The Mayor formally announced the names of the Mayor's Cadets for the Municipal Year 2023/24 to the Council:

- Air Force Cadets – Sergeant Logan Cooke
- Army Cadets – Cadet Lee Edwards
- Sea Cadets – Ordinary Cadet Jenson Bailey

Sergeant Logan Cooke from the Royal Air Force Air Cadets was unable to join the meeting today as she was taking an exam and therefore her mum, Melodie and her Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Kevin Wright, accepted the badge and certificate on her behalf.

The Mayor invited Cadet Lee Edwards, Ordinary Cadet Jenson Bailey to receive their Mayor's Cadet badge and certificate.

188. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items to consider.