

## **COUNCIL**

### **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY, 2023**

**PRESENT:** The Mayor (Councillor Carragher) in the Chair  
The Deputy Chair (Councillor June Burns) Vice  
Chair

Councillors Atkinson, Bradshaw, Brodie - Browne,  
Danny Burns, Byrom, Corcoran, Cummins, Dowd,  
Doyle, Evans, Fairclough, Grace, Hansen, Hardman,  
Howard, John Kelly, John Joseph Kelly, Lappin,  
Ian Maher, Chris Maher, McGinnity, Moncur, Morris,  
Myers, Page, Prendergast, Pugh, Richards, Roscoe,  
Thomas, Lynne Thompson, Waterfield,  
Sir Ron Watson and Webster

#### **93. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Mayor reported that it was her immense pleasure to welcome everyone present to the Extra-Ordinary Council meeting, when Members of the Council would be requested to agree to the Freedom of the Borough being conferred on the Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, which is the highest honour the Council can bestow on any individual or organisation.

The Mayor advised that the Council had previously put on record that whilst the honour of the Freedom of the Borough was to be bestowed on the four NHS Trusts, the Council extended its gratitude to all NHS institutions who had provided services within Sefton and to Sefton residents during the pandemic and no discourtesy was intended by naming the four organisations as representatives of the wider NHS community.

The Mayor reported that the Council was very honoured to have the High Sheriff of Merseyside, Mrs Lesley Martin-Wright, Peter Dowd MP and representatives from each of the four NHS Trusts present at the meeting.

The Council then noted that apologies for absence had been received from:

Councillors Bennett, Brough, Carlin, Cluskey, D'Albuquerque, Dodd, Halsall, Hardy, Irving, Jones, Sonya Kelly, Killen, Lloyd-Johnson, Lunn-Bates, McKee, McKinley, Murphy, O'Brien, Riley, Robinson, Roche, Sathiy, Sayers, Shaw, Spencer, Anne Thompson, Tweed, Veidman and Wilson.

**94. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH**

It was moved by Councillor Ian Maher, seconded by Councillor Moncur, supported by Councillors Pugh and Sir Ron Watson and, unanimously

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, this Council wishes to place on record its high appreciation of, and the debt of gratitude of the Borough to Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust in light of their dedicated and courageous work during the COVID-19 Pandemic and that they be granted the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Sefton.