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VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF LEEDS CITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2019

(In the Chair - the Lord Mayor, Councillor G Latty)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Right good evening everybody. Welcome to the Mayor Making and Unmaking and it still applies telephones off please because the St Gemma's fund is still open so I wouldn't mind a few contributions at this late hour. OK, so I have to make an announcement that the, oh remind you that the meeting is going to be webcast you'd have thought I'd remembered that by now wouldn't you and also to confirm that following the despatch of the summons with accompanying reports on Tuesday the 14th May 2019 further papers originally identified on the summons are to follow and they were circulated to Members on the 17th and 21st May, so now you know that we can start.

ITEM 1 - ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Blake.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE: Good evening Lord Mayor this is I think for all of us one of the most pleasurable moments where first of all it's my great privilege to start by saying an enormous thank you and congratulations to you Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress for your phenomenal year I think it has been a real success story and of course you know I have to say for me the Lady Mayoress undertaking a parachute jump has to go down as one of the real signs of commitments the role I think and very pleased to say there's no precedent at all for leaders to undertake such a feat but I have it on good authority and I know all will be revealed that you've had a very very successful year for St Gemma's and all of us can be very grateful for that and particularly as we all hold St Gemma's with such enormous esteem and affection so well done to you both and it really is my huge pleasure and privilege to move that Councillor Eileen Taylor be made Lord Mayor of Leeds and you may applaud

(cheers and applause)

It's a great honour for me to move Councillor Taylor to be the elected Lord Mayor of our great city and indeed she will be the 126th first citizen of Leeds and can we all extend an enormous welcome to her guests and I hope you have not only a fabulous evening tonight but a really enriched and thrilling year ahead as I know Eileen is going to give to us all. The really significant thing for us tonight is of course that Eileen is a leading member of the West Indian community and it is the first time in our great city that we have elected a member of the West Indian community to be the first

(applause)

now I do have a slight difficulty and I'm sure by the end of the evening this will be resolved but I understand that Eileen's Consort is known officially as Audley but to the Lord Mayor herself as Pete. Now if Pete is good enough for the Lord Mayor then I think it's good enough for me but I'm thrilled, he will be such a fabulous Consort and a great credit to Eileen and the city as a whole so I think we can all very much look forward to him taking up the important role along her side.

Many of you will know that Eileen's father came to Britain in the early 1960's and very much part of the Windrush generation helping our communities to rebuild helping in so many different ways and making such an important contribution to our city and Eileen herself came and joined him as a teenager in the early 1970's along with so many other people who came and chose to make Leeds their home and we have spoken many times in this Chamber. The Windrush generation has brought so much to our city, so much talent, so much enrichment to our lives here as well as the incredible skills that they brought with them at the time and how they have gone on, they held with such affection across the whole of our city and of course Eileen herself went on following her studying at Park Lane College, as was Leeds College now, went on to work within the NHS and she continued to work in the NHS until 2012 and focusing very much on learning disabilities and in mental health. Skills that she has brought to our Council in abundance and I'm delighted at the contribution she has made this far and we know how much the NHS is indebted to people like Eileen coming here and making it their career within their new home.

So we also know of course that the great communities of Chapeltown and Harehills originally where the areas that so many people came to live in and it's such a fantastic testament to people coming in of how strong our communities actually are in Leeds and of course we've had the United Caribbean Association, the Caribbean Cricket Club of which there are many many incredible stories that I think as well we must tonight acknowledge the contribution that the carnival has made to the cultural spirit of Leeds and now I think we estimate around 150,000 minimum come to enjoy the carnival every year and it always gives me great pleasure to say that Leeds carnival is the longest running carnival in this country, in Europe beating Notting Hill.

(applause)

So I have to tell Councillor Taylor in the same way that I told Councillor Dowson when she was standing to become Lord Mayor that I do have photographs of the different costumes and contributions that Eileen has made to the carnival but more of that later.

So we can all stand here and recognise the incredible work that Eileen has done here in the Civic Hall on all the different committees and panels that she has served on but especially out in her community in Chapel Allerton as the Chapel Allerton ward Member and more recently as well as having served very well bringing her health contribution into the Civic Hall and on to those committees she has over the last couple of years served her community by been Chair of the North East Inner Community Committee a role that she took on with relish bringing such enthusiasm to her part of the city. So it is with enormous pride that I nominate Eileen as the 126th Lord Mayor of Leeds, we all know she's going to have a fantastic year, she's going to be a great representative for us not only in this Chamber but right across the

whole of the city of Leeds and beyond because she will go out and take the work of our great city onto a wider stage. I think we're in for a great year, I think we're also going to have a lot of fun and absolutely delighted to be here tonight nominating Eileen Taylor to be our next Lord Mayor. Thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Cohen please.

COUNCILLOR COHEN: Thank you my Lord Mayor. My Lord Mayor on behalf of the Conservative Group I'm truly honoured to second the motion that Councillor Eileen Taylor be elected the Lord Mayor of this City of Leeds for the coming municipal year. If I may briefly and not to heaven forfend step on any later speakers toes I would also like to thank you Lord Mayor and your Lady Mayoress for all you have done for the city and indeed the Council this year and of course we must mention your Lady Mayoress, Councillor Pat Latty, who showed such tremendous dedication to your charity, St Gemma's, that she jumped out of a perfectly good aircraft to help raise funds. Thank you both for such a hard year's work and on behalf of the Jewish community who I know you did a huge amount with this year as well the rep Council asked me to pass on their specific thanks.

Some weeks ago after the local elections a Council officer with whom I was having a conversation said "Councillor Cohen did your wife enjoy the election count" and I was somewhat confused because my wife did enjoy the election count because she was at home with the kids not having to take part in the trials and tribulations of a count and the officer looked really really confused and said "Councillor Cohen who was the lady you were walking arm in arm with around the count venue". I said "ah that wasn't my wife that was the Lord Mayor elect Councillor Taylor"

(laughter)

Now the officer made their excuses at that point and I am not quite sure how the officer mistook our innocent stroll but perhaps that connection that they saw that evening is why are Lord Mayor to be asked me to second tonight's motion. It could also be of course that I'm actually the only member of our group that the Lord Mayor elect will be able to look at eye to eye. In any event colleagues rest assured I wouldn't dream of trying to use this special relationship in the coming year to get any special favours for our group. It's been mentioned in previous years, Councillor Golton often says, it's a real challenge speaking second in these events because the Lord Mayor's office very kindly send a spiel through all about the Lord Mayor but of course the Leader has taken all the good bits and therefore sometimes is looking for things to say and I must confess I was tempted just to make stuff up, I mean after all Councillor Taylor is not here to correct me so I could have said how impressive it is to have a new Lord Mayor who has base jumping and (inaudible) as her two main hobbies and then of course there is Audley sat right there and after all the confusion about Eileen been my wife I thought let's get back onto a straight track as soon as possible.

Now the first thing that struck me about meeting Eileen 8 years ago was her warmth for everyone she meets whatever their political persuasion, whatever their background she does have this tremendous warmth but also frankly that she was a formidable woman who takes no nonsense and speaks very much as she sees it. "Why is it" she says to me a number of times "you're so nice and polite to everybody outside the Chamber and yet you're such a beast inside it".

(laughter)

Well, thank you. Hopefully that's not the case . Over the years I've found my first impression to be borne out and it's no surprise that after some difficult early years in the UK after settling here from Jamaica in the 1970's Eileen carved out a successful career in our NHS and put her warmth and steely determination to the best possible use as an elected member of this Chamber. It's also no surprise that today this Council and the city have seen fit to make Eileen our first citizen, our Lord Mayor, our first black Lord Mayor, the living proof that with hard work, dedication, commitment to our city and above all real warmth for the residents of this city you can indeed attain the highest office Leeds can bestow.

So what can we expect from the coming year. Well as Eileen is a very keen keep fit enthusiast and an obsessed zumba follow, a word I've just invented, we can look forward to an energetic year though I hope that doesn't extend to 10 minute workouts at the beginning of every Council meeting. We can expect a year of vibrancy though not perhaps to the extent that Eileen and Councillor Jane Dowson displayed when our new Lord Mayor convinced Jane to join her in taking part in the annual West Indian Carnival in a somewhat skimpy revealing lime green and orange costume and finally we can expect a year of welcome to all communities to visit our Lord Mayor in her civic rooms, though perhaps she would do well to advise visitors to properly dry their hands should they avail themselves of the toilet facilities in the Lord Mayor's rooms lest they find they're unable to open the door and get stuck in the toilet as in fact Councillor Taylor did some years ago when visiting a previous Lord Mayor. Hopefully that won't happen this year but if she's late for meetings we'll know where she is. All of this aside we look forward to working with our new Lord Mayor in the coming year, on this special night for Eileen and all her family we share their immense pride in her and her achievement and look forward to formally welcoming Councillor Eileen Taylor as the 126th Lord Mayor of the City of Leeds. I second this motion.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Golton please.

COUNCILLOR GOLTON: Thank you Lord Mayor. First of all I would like to pay tribute to yourself and your good wife for your Mayoral year especially in terms of the elegance and the propriety that you brought to it that we all have our own styles as politicians and certainly as Lord Mayor, as we all have our own style, and you certainly brought style along with your wife Pat and I very much enjoyed working alongside you on the charity this year. But we move along don't we and this year we have Eileen Taylor as our new Lord Mayor. I have to confess though I was a little bit hurt to hear Councillor Cohen talking about his intimate times with Councillor Taylor

because I thought I was the special one in her life politically. I am I'm jealous. I was going to boast that there's not many people in this Chamber that can confess to have having sweaty embraces on a regular occurrence with Councillor Taylor however I am one of her gym buddies and well normally what happens in the gym stays in the gym but she's very encouraging to make sure that I lose the spare tyre that I've developed recently.

One thing that you will know about Eileen Taylor is she is a very effective politician and her electoral performance proves that in terms of the size of her majority but when she comes into the Chamber she is, when she talks to other Members in the Chamber, a human being and it's her humanity that she shows to each individual councillor and as Councillor Cohen and myself have pointed out makes us feel a little bit special through her interaction with us that makes her unique and her humanity is what will make her a great Lord Mayor.

I have to say on a personal level there's been talk tonight about the commitment and the legacy of the Windrush generation in terms of our city and how it's grown over the past few years I can appreciate a certain element of how it feels to be part of a diaspora it's a bit more tenuous for me I appreciate that making your way over from the Caribbean and starting an entirely new life it is a bit different to moving one party to the other but I'll get the analogy fixed when you come to Britain from the Caribbean you don't leave behind your culture and your heritage and you are very proud of your Caribbean roots and when one of your community does well you celebrate it. What I will say is as a lad that grew up in East Leeds I've tried very hard to be accepted in Rothwell as a native but I am particularly proud that somebody who has grown up in the communities of East Leeds that somebody else who has grown up in that community has become Lord Mayor, I am very proud and I look forward to working alongside Councillor Taylor this year. Well done.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Elliott please.

COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT: Thank you my Lord Mayor and I too add congratulations to you and the Lady Mayoress for this year but I shall be speaking on page 4 shortly on the Green Paper about your year.

It is with pleasure that I support, on behalf of the Morley Borough Independents. Councillor Eileen Taylor for the office of Lord Mayor for the forthcoming year. I've known Eileen since she was first elected to the Council in 2008 and we hit it off off had a good rapport which has continued to the present day. I came across Eileen in the West Indian community during my year as Lord Mayor in 2009/10. I found a community spirit which was vibrant and inclusive and in fact I am still invited by Adora Maynard to speak at the anniversary service for the independence of St Kitts and Nevis in Leeds. This is in Eileen's ward and Jane's ward and I'm delighted to be back each year and I am so pleased to be part of these celebrations with the West Indian community which I hold dear.

There is no doubt that the West Indian community has been beneficial for Leeds and for them to have the first West Indian Lord Mayor which will go down in

the annals of history of this great city is simply fantastic and it couldn't have gone to a more deserving person than Eileen. Eileen is a great example to all women having come to this country as a teenager setting an example of what is achievable where one sets out to get an education and to persevere with no doubt many great challenges and at the same time trying to help the community. Eileen Taylor is indeed a wonderful choice and we hope that she and her husband Audley or Pete as our leader has called you Audley only have a year to remember as our first citizens of Leeds. We are fully supportive of Councillor Eileen Taylor being Lord Mayor of Leeds. Thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Dobson please.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: Thank you Lord Mayor. On behalf of Garforth and Swillington Independents it is a genuine honour and privilege to speak in support of Eileen Taylor as our next Lord Mayor. An amazing woman, a friend from the day she joined the Council and remains so. I think her warmth, her humanity and kindness that she shows to every one of us make a perfect choice as first citizen and I'm convinced she'll do a wonderful job in the coming year and we'll leave it there Lord Mayor. Thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Ann Blackburn.

COUNCILLOR A BLACKBURN: Thank you Lord Mayor. I'd just like to say to start off with that I think that both you and Pat have done a fantastic job been Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress this year and raised loads and loads of money for your charities and Gemma's and of course I'm assuming that Pat isn't going to be doing another jump from an aircraft this year but I'm sure that if she did there'd be quite a lot of charities there queueing up and asking her to do so because I know that if she did that they'd get a load of money by doing that. Anyway to go forward to speak on the incoming Lord Mayor the Green Group support Councillor Eileen Taylor to be the 126th Lord Mayor of Leeds. Eileen has come a long way in her life first of all by travelling to England from Jamaica to join her father in the early 70's as a teenager and secondly by studying at Park Lane College and starting a career in the NHS working in the learning disabilities and mental health department until she retired in 2012. As Eileen embarks on another important part in her journey in life the Green Group hope that she and her Consort stroke husband Audley enjoy their year in office. Thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Right we will now have a vote on the motion that Eileen Taylor be elected Lord Mayor of the city of Leeds. *(A vote was taken)*. So Councillor Eileen Taylor will be the Lord Mayor of Leeds and we will now have a brief adjournment.

(The Retiring Lord Mayor left the Chamber preceded by the Sergeant at Mace, and proceeded to the Ark Royal Room, followed by the Chief Executive, City Solicitor and Group Leaders.

The Chief Executive and City Solicitor returned to their seats.

The procession proceeded to the well of the Chamber.

CEREMONY

The Sergeant at Mace assisted the Retiring Lord Mayor to affix the medallion to the retaining chain.

In order of precedence, Group Leaders each placed one loop of the chain around the Lord Mayor's shoulders and/or shook hands with the Lord Mayor.

Photographs were taken.

The Group Leaders returned to their seats, leaving the Retiring Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor for remaining photographs.

Preceded by the Sergeant at Mace, the Lord Mayor proceeded to the Chair, followed by the Retiring Lord Mayor).

(In the Chair – the Lord Mayor, Councillor E Taylor)

DECLARATION

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Could everyone stand up again please. Thank you. So we're just going to conduct the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

THE LORD MAYOR: I, Eileen Taylor, have been elected to the office of Lord Mayor, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgment and ability.

(applause)

(The Lord Mayor signed the Register)

ITEM 2 – ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

THE LORD MAYOR: Now you can be seated, thank you. OK I need a deep breath now. All day I've tried not be nervous but believe me it's kicked in now so I haven't got a gin yet, we'll get there.

OK, Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Thank you Lord Mayor. I'd like to move that Councillor Jim McKenna be appointed as the Vice Chair of the Council and to hold office until immediately after the election of the Lord Mayor at the Annual General Meeting of the Council in 2020.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. Councillor Cohen.

COUNCILLOR COHEN: My Lord Mayor we could say all sorts about Councillor McKenna. Will second my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll call for a vote. (*A vote was taken*). So that's been CARRIED. Councillor McKenna will be the Vice-Chair. OK now is where ...

(applause)

I think it's official now because I've just chaired a bit, is that OK. So it's official I've signed in and I've sworn in so I'm officially the Lord Mayor and I never would have thought in my wildest life that I would see this day but the day is here and I'm absolutely delighted and honoured to be given this privilege to be your Lord Mayor and ambassador for this great city of Leeds.

Tonight I am unable to tell you my life story because I will need the number of years I have lived to be able to tell this story. But be assured no one will be going to the Rosebowl for a cup of coffee today.

I have travelled a long journey to sit in this chair. Sitting on this chair was never a part of my dream as a migrant coming to Leeds.

It is good as a child to listen to the words and direction of your parents, because my Dad wanted me to join him in England in the early 70's, I did not want to come, for one main reason and that was the cold weather really, not the British people, it's the cold weather.

Back in those days in Jamaica we didn't have television, we couldn't tell what the weather was like, what was going on in any part of the world. We relied, well as a child we learnt in school that England and America was a very cold country to live in. So I could not understand why my dad wanted me to join him in the snow. Maybe he wanted to share because we was very close me and my dad and I leave the sunshine and came here.

So I'm going to fast forward and take it now. Its many decades now since I've been here. I'm a little migrant from Jamaica arrived with my little grip. A lot of the migrants and Jamaicans know what little grip is, so I'll tell you what little grip is. It's a little suitcase, the smallest suitcase and I only brought the basics in it because we thought England had everything for us, so I brought the basics.

When I arrived in Leeds, I never knew what to expect, I was looking forward to meet up with some of my cousins who came earlier to join their parents. When I arrived my Dad always shared with me that this is not our country, you must mix with

every one he says you must listen and learn but most of all respect everyone because we are different.

He also said to always work as one irrespective of your race or colour otherwise you won't achieve anything.

I am so glad I did, I had listened to those wise words. I worked within a team that I have chosen to take me on my journey in England and that team is what has given me this opportunity tonight to be sharing these words with you.

Coming to England, my early years was no different from any other migrant trying to find their feet in a foreign country. All migrants here tonight know when you arrive, you work, you study, you sleep and you learn the culture.

So I studied, I learn and during those years, I came across amazing people. Oh yes I also have met some horrible people. But I leave the horrible ones behind, there's no room for horribleness in my life.

Most of my working life was in the NHS, mental health and Learning Disability. I'm passionate about those two. My training and experience during these times has led me to develop the skill and empathy of being a voice on behalf of the vulnerable.

Being a Councillor was not part of my dream, but is a role I stepped into with the encouragement of a few comrades and one in particular, a gentleman, one you can't say no to and this gentle person is no other than our Member of Parliament, Alex Sobel. Alex Sobel was the one that really drove me and gave me the passion to join the Labour Party, which I did.

I became a Councillor for Chapel Allerton in 2008, I have worked with the two most amazing ward councillors, Cllr Dowson and Cllr Rafique.

We are an unbreakable team. We do our utmost best to ensure all casework and events are sorted between us with no pressure. I owe a lot of gratitude to you two to carry me all these years. Thank you. I will surely miss you in the next 12 months.

Since being on the council, I have been on several committees. I shan't name them all, however my last portfolio was Chair of the Inner North East Committee which I enjoyed doing.

My existence is incomplete without my beautiful family, my husband Pete, a lot of people confused with Audley and Peter. A little story, in Jamaica you have a name, your born and you register but when the older head come and visit your new baby they looked at you and said 'oh you look like Mary' whatever and that name stays with you right up through your life.

(laughter)

So a lot of people know me as Elaine. If you go in Chapeltown and ask for Eileen, now they know who I am, but I am Elaine because obviously I did look like somebody called Elaine I don't know.

(laughter)

So that is why most Jamaicans have two names, so it's there, that's what it is, it is. Where did I reach now, of my husband, Pete, and my two beautiful daughters Lisa and Laura and my five beautiful grandchildren. To my husband Peter, they say 'behind every successful woman is a strong man who knows how to support and compliment her. We have been married 29 blessed years. Pete has supported me all the way and you rarely see one of us without the other.

Little did I know that all these years he was practicing his 10 steps? I have chosen Peter to be my consort as he's already doing the job of following me 10 steps behind.

(applause)

I now go to my charity. I've chosen a charity that has passion, that is really passion to my heart and I hope is passion to many of you and the charity I've chosen they are called Support after Rape and Sexual Violence Leeds (SARSVL).

(applause)

A charity dedicated to specialist rape crisis service in Leeds for women and girls affected by sexual violence of any kind and at any time. Their services are run by women, in a women only safe space. I am hoping you all will join me in assisting this charity to challenge and change attitudes about sexual violence against women and girls.

I intend to assist in fundraising activities for this charity so I'm looking for all the women support and everyone's support to support me in this charity. I'm really looking forward to working with as many of you to highlight and embrace out there and spread the word because we heard about cancer, we heard about dementia, we heard about everything but I think people don't talk about rape but rape does happen and needs to be shouted out. Thank you.

(applause)

May I use this opportunity to thank all comrades from all benches across the chamber, for giving me their support and please don't stop there especially to Mr Cohen, I'm not your wife ...

(laughter)

For giving me your support, please don't stop there I'll need it during my year.

I would love to thank all my family and friends who have come out tonight to grace this occasion with me. I'm very grateful.

I would also love to invite so many others but I could only have a few.

Huge thank you to the Labour Party members of Chapel Allerton branch that have chosen me over the years to represent them on the council.

Finally, my above mentioned achievements, this would not have happened without the votes of residents from Chapeltown, Chapel Allerton, Meanwood, and the surrounded area who came out year over year to vote for me in their thousands. They are the ones who have made this happen for me tonight and I'm mostly grateful to all the voters.

(applause)

Last but not least the people of Leeds has proven their words, all migrants welcome. Thank you very much for choosing me as black migrant to be your Lord Mayor and represent your city. Thank you.

(applause)

Thank you, I told you I wouldn't be long. OK, so where now Tom.

ITEM 3 – VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR

THE LORD MAYOR: OK, we move vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor. Councillor Carter.

COUNCILLOR ANDREW CARTER: Thank you Lord Mayor. It say's on the order paper Councillor Andrew Carter to move a vote of thanks to retiring Lord Mayor Councillor Blake, Councillor Cohen, Councillor Golton, Councillor Dobson, Councillor Elliott, Councillor Ann Blackburn have all begun their speeches by thanking the retiring Lord Mayor so it doesn't leave a lot for me to say I can discard all this.

However Lord Mayor I can be the first person to officially congratulate you and your husband on becoming our first citizen. Can I wish you both a very happy, healthy and successful year in office. I'm am sure that is what you will have and you will be splendid ambassadors for our city and I am delighted that I could actually be the first person officially to say that.

(applause)

So Lord Mayor, Graham and Pat who've been friends of mine for a long long time. First of all can I thank them both for the way in which they have conducted themselves as our first citizens during their year of office. As I expected they've done so with dignity, commitment and hard work and been extremely successful. The parachute jump that the Lady Mayoress undertook has already been mentioned but for the council leaders benefit I actually have done a parachute jump and I ain't going to do another. She can if she wants. That said I don't know about you Pat, but when you first jump out of the plane and look up the first thought that crossed my mind was what on earth am I doing looking up at a plane I've just jumped out of but

you did exceptionally well and raised an extra £3,500 in sponsorship for St Gemma's.

(applause)

It is no mean feat and talking of the former Lord Mayor's charity, it's now exceeded the target that Graham set at the beginning of his year in office and I'm sure you won't mind me saying that it's now over £50,000 and still counting for a very wonderful charity that has served the residents of this city so well for so many years.

When Graham was moved as Lord Mayor a lot was said about the fact that he'd been on Christmas Island for the nuclear tests. I would have thought that would have been quite enough for him but he and Pat were the first civilians to have a tour of the nuclear submarine, HMS Audacious, in Barrow in Furness. I think they must have tied his hands behind his back because he does tend to touch things, thank goodness he didn't push any buttons is all I can say. Like so many Lord Mayors before him he went to watch Leeds Rhinos and Leeds United on occasions and tells me they were both hammered on the occasions that he went. He wants to try watching Huddersfield Town.

(laughter)

500 engagements in a year is no mean feat and it's something to remember, Lord Mayor, it's an exhausting job as well as a very fulfilling one and there must have been times when both Graham and Pat felt as though they were absolutely exhausted but you wouldn't have thought so.

Incidentally the subject of the environment is hot on our lips at the moment. He's the first Lord Mayor to have an electric/petrol environmentally friendly Mayoral car. He's also the last Lord Mayor, I suspect, to have done National Service. I can't see there being any more unless it's reintroduced and in this changing world nobody ever knows what's going to happen next. Lord Mayor, Councillor Latty and Councillor Pat Latty have served this city extremely well. I'm personally very proud of the way they carried out a very daunting but worthwhile job as our first citizens. I know you will do just the same. Thank you very much indeed I'm delighted to formally move the vote of thanks.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Jim McKenna.

COUNCILLOR MCKENNA: Thank you Lord Mayor and I get the pleasure of being the second person to congratulate you and Peter in your year of Mayoral office. I know you will bring great credit to this city and you and your family and your community will enjoy it enormously.

Graham was very lucky because Pat was a serving Councillor when she was Lady Mayoress. I did hear that I was like that with Andrea, I had somebody who was a Councillor and I did hear Graham that you were ill at some venues and you persevered. Now I'm not nearly as resilient as that when I was ill I said to Andrea

“Andrea you take this one I’m staying in bed”. But I think we’re only the second married couple who have shared this office since the war so we’re a very small group in that but I found that of an enormous value, having not just my wife at my side as my Lady Mayoress but also an experienced Councillor and I’m sure you did as well.

Graham there there’s always gainers out of when you move on or when you, I can call you Graham now you’re not Lord Mayor. There’s always gainers and the gainers are going to be, I hear your back on Planning, City Plans Panel, so the roofscapes of Leeds will certainly benefit because chimneys are certainly now back on the agenda. I look forward to the meetings we’ll be having shortly and I’m afraid we’ve neglected the chimneys in the last year or so and Mary Poppins would be very upset with us on that one so we will see more of that.

You’ve had a very busy year and I do understand that you have had over 500 engagements, it’s a tremendous strain you know, sometimes as Lord Mayor you might be given six or eight, we used to call them gigs you know, a day and it can take it out of you, it certainly can but you’ve done a tremendous job on that one. I know you’ve met Prince William, the Countess of Wessex in your year of office which is always a pleasure. You have visited my two sides not doing very well I’m afraid, Rhinos and Leeds United and I am sorry that you didn’t change our luck. I remember going to Carnegie and they hadn’t won a game all year and as Lord Mayor, it was on Boxing Day, and I was there and they actually won that game it was the first one they won and I was asked if I could attend every game since that but maybe it’s not a good idea for you to do so Graham in the circumstances we do need to win some matches now, we certainly don’t want to be relegated in rugby with a marvellous new stadium which we’ve had great support from this Council with.

I know you’ve been a great supporter of LGBT events you opened a new Viaduct Show Bar, attended Leeds Pride and hosted a lunch for the friends of Dorothy last week. Very well done.

Both the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress have raised significant amounts of money, it’s already been mentioned by Andrew over £50,000 it takes some doing, it really does take some doing to raise that amount of money but it couldn’t have been for a more worthy cause so I’m sure he’ll be well remembered and he’ll help them in their efforts to do what they do best. I’ll leave it at that, I know everybody else wants to speak and I don’t want to rush in and use all your engagements, there are more to come from the other speakers but thank you very much for all you’ve done for the city, the people of Leeds, you’ve had a great year you’ve been a marvellous Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and I hope now he won’t be retiring he’ll be on Planning and you’ll be helping to improve the roofscapes we know that already so we’ll look forward to it. Thank you Graham thank you Pat.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Campbell.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL: Lord Mayor can I take the opportunity of adding my congratulations and that of my Group to your elevation this evening. I hope you have a really successful year, I'm sure you'll really enjoy yourself.

Lord Mayor, guests, fellow councillors, last year I had the pleasure of supporting the proposal of Councillor Latty to be made Lord Mayor and at the time I thank the Conservative Group which is somewhat unusual for me but there we are because by nominating Graham we got Pat along as well and we effectively got a two-for-one deal and I have to say to you it has been a cracking deal for the city. Andrew and Jim have given you a flavour of their year and because they spoke first of course they get the best anecdotes so I'll confine myself to a couple of personal comments. Graham, while you enthusiastically took on the role of first citizen you had two other passions as well, one is Aireborough for which you're an outspoken champion and the other one is, as we have touched on already, Planning and again something that you care very deeply about and indeed you managed to find time within your Mayoral duties to come along to some planning training sessions. I assume it's a Lord Mayor's prerogative that you get to go to those cos as members round the room will know there such popular events getting a ticket for a member's Planning Seminar is a bit like getting a Glastonbury ticket. Well you don't get the mud of course and I'm happy to see that you returning to Plans not because of the depth of knowledge and the commitment to design quality but also because when the going gets heavy your known to share your mints with us.

Pat I know you have had a great year. I know it must have been terrible strapped to that Royal Marine Commando to be thrown out of an aeroplane. Still somebody's got to do it and I know you've enjoyed your year but you have found time to continue your work with the Community Committees as a champion for children and young people. Pat, I always think has the sort of warmth, commitment and genuine affection for young people. In fact she's almost everybody's favourite Aunt and she remains their vocal champion.

Graham, Pat thank you very much from all of us for all you've achieved this year and may I wish you the best for the future.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Elliott.

COUNCILLOR ELLIOTT: Thank you my Lord Mayor and can I say congratulations to you. The Morley Borough Independents are delighted to see you with those chains, have a wonderful year both you and your husband Pete.

I'm delighted to speak for the Morley Borough Independents to congratulate Graham and his Lady Mayoress on a wonderful year as first citizens of our vibrant, diverse and inclusive city, Leeds. They've been well received in Morley and we hear that this has been replicated throughout Leeds. Graham you have managed to chair the Council meetings with composure and presence when at times to say the least they can be challenging. Your Lady Mayoress has with her usual flair and calm approach brought a regal touch to the position. Congratulations Pat. You have both worked hard for your chosen charity and raised a staggering amount of money, St

Gemma's will be delighted, well done. Once again congratulations on a wonderful Mayoral year and a job well done, thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Dobson.

COUNCILLOR DOBSON: Thank you Lord Mayor and I say that with great pleasure Lord Mayor and you'll be amazing, no doubt.

In terms of Graham and Pat well thank you for a phenomenal year and thank you for the incredible amount of money that's been raised for St Gemma's. I don't think there will be many people in this Chamber or watching as a guest this evening that won't have been touched in one way or another over the last 41 years is it in the great work that St Gemma's does for Leeds and the surrounding area so to raise that sort of money is truly phenomenal, so well done to you both.

I was fascinated, I always am every year when we hear how many appointments and engagements that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress keeps. 500 that is incredible and I do remember very early in your tenure as Lord Mayor you actually made the time and the effort to squeeze us in in Garforth to come and open G fest when your diary was already particularly packed that day but without any qualms any arguments you found your way to Garforth and you were both very welcome indeed. You know in terms of Pat jumping out of an aeroplane. You might not be aware but I actually volunteered to jump out of an aeroplane and the offers of sponsorship from right across this Chamber came in but then of course they realised I wanted a parachute and sadly it didn't get off the ground. But joking aside you've both been a phenomenal servants to this city and now we've gone back to normal counselling duties I'm sure you'll continue to add the great value and service that you did previously so on behalf of Garforth and Swillington Independents a very well done indeed. Thank you Lord Mayor.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor David Blackburn.

COUNCILLOR D BLACKBURN: Thank you Lord Mayor. Can I join in the congratulations to Councillor Taylor as another former Community Committee Chair I hope you have a good year as Lord Mayor.

Moving on to Graham and Pat. I have got to say they have worked immensely well as Colin said "we got two for the price of one" with them. Two very nice people who do very very hard work. I, in one in my capacity's as Chair of Peace Link organised a thing called the Leeds International Peace Lecture which Graham and Pat came to. Both of them were very very ill but Graham insisted to come in, he didn't stop to the whole thing cos he wasn't very well at all but he insisted on making a speech at the start and welcoming our guest speaker and I call that dedication because quite honestly both of them were not very well at all and that's the kind of people we're talking about.

The other thing with Graham, again I've got some connection with, I went with Councillor Lewis to Parish Church and we're commemorating the stone outside the Parish Church for the nuclear test veteran's and the Lord Mayor got invited there and we got him reconnected with his former comrades who he was with many many years ago.

Graham is a great guy but Graham and Pat and Pat has also and I think they've done a really really good job for the city and I look forward, I think it's a week on Thursday in't it Jim, a week tomorrow so I look forward to seeing you outside there about half past nine, 10 o'clock or sumat like that for site visits. Thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: We now call for a vote. *(A vote was taken)*. That's CARRIED.

The Retiring Lady Mayor will now present the Lord Mayor's Consort

(The Lady Mayoress presented the Retiring Lord Mayor's Consort with a retiring gift.)

(applause)

OK I'll now invite the retiring Lord Mayor to tell us about his year in office. So Councillor Latty I don't know if you're going to match my speech if you don't (inaudible) our charity.

RETIRING LORD MAYOR

THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR (Councillor G Latty): All I can say is that everybody has been commendably brief really so I'd better put some of these pages away.

(applause)

But not all of them. So may I start by, in common with everybody else, congratulating you on getting this job and wishing you every success and having a thoroughly good year, you and your husband. I hope you enjoy it.

I'm gonna tell you now what a hard job it is because it's one of those things that when you start you don't know what it is your letting yourself in for. You think you do but then, and it has been mentioned. getting up, getting in the car being driven somewhere, having a meal, talking to people, getting in the car, going home, It's nothing like that at all. In actual fact it's a wonderful job of meeting people that's basically, if you want to know what being Lord Mayor is, that's what it's all about and Pat and I this year have met some of the most amazing people. We started out, you know I'm Leeds born and bred, Pat's been in Leeds ever since she left school more or less and we thought we knew what Leeds was all about but I tell you as soon as you become Lord Mayor you find out it's a totally different place. There are people here you never knew existed it's it's made up of so many communities, people,

we've met people from Russia, we met people from Poland, we've met people from Nigeria, from the West Indies. We've met Sikh Saints, we've met Hindus, we've met Kashmiri's, we've met Pakistanis. I could just go on and on and on the number of people and do you know what they're all here in Leeds living quiet happy lives as Leeds people and I learned a big lesson, I started out with this very grand idea as Lord Mayor and I thought what we want to do is try and encourage one Leeds. I got this idea in my mind of one Leeds. In other words whoever you are if you're living in Leeds and your happy and peaceful and your not breaking the law then, and you're a Leeds person, were all all in the same pot and I was wasting my time because people have just got down and done that and I think Eileen you probably, what you've said underlines that, so you know we started out, very rapidly found out that all we needed to do was go and meet people and they would welcome us and we would have a good time with them. There's the other thing that I would say about these, the other communities, other than what you start out thinking Leeds is their the people who appreciate the Lord Mayor. They think the mayoralty is absolutely fantastic and they welcome you and make you at home and we had just towards the end we went to a Russian afternoon and there were four, was it four or five Pat, gentlemen who'd come over from Moscow the previous day and these old chaps were covered in medals they were the Russian equivalent of the British Legion and you wonder how they stood up with all these medals they'd got encrusting their jackets. None of them spoke English but they seem to be having a good time and I spoke to the assembled Russian people there and afterwards we were talking to him, shaking hands, saying hello etc etc and a good time was had by all. But the next day we had an e-mail from the lady who was running it and she said that these gentlemen from Russia were absolutely amazed that the Lord Mayor of a city like Leeds would actually talk to them, would shake hands you know that they didn't think they be let anywhere near and yet to us it was just, you know, hello how are you sort of thing but get talking. But that sort of thing happened all the time but getting down to some of the more of the nitty gritty of it I suppose I say it's meeting people it's also meeting children cos as a lot of you probably know Pat's the child friendly person in our relationship. I was never totally at home with children in spite of having been one but it was a long time ago but as a Lord Mayor you're thrown into into the pot with children and if you don't get on with them you can have a miserable year I can assure you.

(laughter)

We, and I think I'll tell you a little tale which which actually started off my new improved relationship with young people. We went to, I think it was Rothwell was it Pat Rothwell where we went to that nursery and we went to this nursery and so is a nursery nobody of school age at all. Ever so tiny and so we're sitting there on these tiny little stools that they sit on in a big circle it was red hot because as you know me been made Mayor introduced the summer and it's not a good idea having a suit, a collar and tie, chains and the lot in that heat it wears you out but anyway we were sitting in the garden with these kids and they all wanted to say hello to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and they wanted to ask us, well I don't know whether they wanted to ask us questions, they'd been told to ask us questions I think and so a little one would totter up and say "hello", you know and "can you tell me so and so". Finally one little girl comes up and stands in front of me and she's going from one foot to the other and looking embarrassed as you can then look at four years old you

know and Pat says she was probably younger than that but in the end I said to her “have you forgotten your question” and she said “yes” so can we think of something else and so she stood there a couple of minutes, it seemed like hours did this but in actual fact it was probably only a couple of minutes in total and then she looked me full in the eyes and she said “I love you”

(laughter and applause)

And what do you do you know you can't not like kids when they do that, so that improved that side of it and as a result I've gone from strength to strength, went to revisit my old school not realising as it turned into a comprehensive but or co-educational I was most surprised when two little girls showed me around but that's another part of it, of children, oh yes these questions that children ask you, three stock questions: are you wealthy, do you live in a mansion and have you met the Queen.

(laughter)

No no no complete dead loss for them this. But in fact the Queen brought about one of our most difficult moments because like all Lord Mayors and most Councillors we were invited to the garden party down in London and we were bowling along Wellington Street in the Mayoral Jaguar enjoying it because it was only the second week of our having been Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and we are still able to enjoy the the comfort weren't we except that all of a sudden on Wellington Street there was quite literally a bang and the car ground to a halt and would not do anything. So what do we have to do, the trains going fairly shortly because we're going to the station to go to London so it's not very dignified for the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, she's in her high heels and hat and stuff, and we're running along Wellington Street to try and get to the train in time. It didn't do my heart rate any good either but the result of that was that we had a car, well no we had several cars because the Council very, you have to say wisely but I thought that were being a bit tight we ended up with, we had a Hyundai something or other, Mark would tell you what it was it was an estate with a dent in the side and as you probably know you arrive at functions and they've got a parking space for you and so we arrived at this do and the chap at the gate said you can't go there that's for the Lord Mayor and Mark was there in his full uniform and everything and us in the back. He said 'It is the Lord Mayor" and the man insisted on looking in the car to make sure because for this car just was not a mayoral car but anyway I need to speed up because everybody else has been quick and they want their dinner. Just, charity, St Gemma's actually as of tonight it's over £60,000 ...

(applause)

We started out wanting to pay for a nurse for a year that was £45,000 we were able on Monday we were then at St Gemma's and they presented us with a Nurse and a Healthcare Assistant who work as a team and were able to pay for the whole lot there for one year so ...

(applause)

and that's, people say we've done well to do that. Pat and I, well yes we've put a lot of work in, but it's just people who've responded and responded wonderfully and on last Friday this Just One Day, all the things that people in the council here did to raise money for St Gemma's it's just being a wonderful Leeds wide response and we are very very grateful that we had the chance to be able to do that for St Gemma's. So I will now bow out of talking from this table and give you all chance to go for your dinner and hand things back to the Lord Mayor thank you very much.

(applause)

I have missed something. Every Lord Mayor does it, we must do it but I want want to do it in spades. The people in the Lord Mayor's office the most fantastic bunch you could wish to meet and no Lord Mayor could do what he or she does without those people and I think that they are absolute absolute gems and Pat and I thank them very very much from the bottom of our hearts

(applause)

ITEM 4 – MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2019

THE LORD MAYOR: OK we'll go to Item 4. Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Move in terms, oh sorry move that the minutes be approved Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Cohen.

COUNCILLOR COHEN: Second Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll go for a vote. (*A vote was taken*). Sorry that's CARRIED.

ITEM 5 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll go to Item 5. Any Members have any Declaration of interests. No OK.

ITEM 6 - ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 6. Lord Mayor Announcements. I haven't got any announcements at this moment. Tom have you.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: No.

THE LORD MAYOR: No, that's OK.

ITEM 7 – RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll go to Item 7. Councillor Blake.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE: Yes Lord Mayor in moving this item, the recommendations of the General purposes Committee, and looking further down at the proposed amendment I just want to reassure Council that this has been discussed by all of the Whips. It has been to GPC and been discussed as well and I think the point I would like to make is reassurance that it is always possible that there are extraordinary circumstances that may need to be considered and we've obviously got Leader or Lord Mayor down here and I hope that reassurance is enough to satisfy Council in putting this through we haven't got any rules laid down at the moment at all and I think it's it's fair for such an important role that there are ground rules that we can all follow.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Dowson:

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Second Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Campbell.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL: Thank you Lord Mayor. I think my amendment simply seeks to remove the length of service criteria which does seem to be a new qualification while retaining the principal I think which we've all supported in the past that the title of Honorary Alderman Woman should be granted by the Council as recognition of service to the city and the Council and as I said I've given an example of an individual who say serves for six years, is a diligent Councillor, works hard within the Council, works hard in the community, works hard for the city and then for personal or family circumstances has to resign or retire. If we adopt this criteria then we wouldn't actually be able to provide them with that recognition. I think my view is the current system works perfectly well so I am working on the principle if it ain't broke don't fix it and so therefore I would ask you to support the amendment which really maintains the status quo.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Bentley.

COUNCILLOR BENTLEY: Formally second Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Carter.

COUNCILLOR ANDREW CARTER: Yes thank you Lord Mayor. I always think it's a bit of a shame when we have to have amendments at this particular meeting of Council although I do sympathise with the sentiments behind what Councillor Campbell has said which is why I sought some assurance from Councillor Blake which she's reiterated today and I am now and my group are content with the

resolution. When you make rules and regulations of this sort there should always be an escape hatch because life doesn't work according to rules and regulations in this sort of respect and there will be occasion for all the groups when as somebody who has not served on the Council for eight years and has never been Leader or Lord Mayor who you believe should receive the title of Honorary Alderman and that's what I asked for reassurance on from Councillor Blake and she's given that reassurance and my group are now content with that.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Blake.

COUNCILLOR BLAKE: Thank you Lord Mayor. I don't think there's much to add other than I think it is disappointing that there were opportunities through the Whips meetings and through GPC to bring this matter up. I think it's disappointing that it's had to come to this meeting but like to thank Councillor Carter for his support tonight. Thank you.

THE LORD MAYOR: We will now go for a vote of the amendment. (*A vote was taken*). So that that has been CARRIED. Sorry.

THE LORD MAYOR: so we'll go to Item 8.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: No it's the vote on the recommendation.

THE LORD MAYOR: Oh sorry should we vote on the recommendation. (*A vote was taken*). That's been CARRIED.

ITEM 8 - ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll go to Item 8. Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: I'd like to move in terms of the notice Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Scopes.

COUNCILLOR SCOPES: I second and reserve the right to speak my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Campbell.

COUNCILLOR CAMPBELL: Thank you Lord Mayor. At its meeting in March all Members of the Council agreed that their duty to the city, the planet and our children I think, is to declare a climate emergency and to commit Leeds to be carbon neutral by 2030. 2030 is an absolute deadline and if we are to follow through on this pledge we need to treat it with a degree of urgency and allow for Council scrutiny of progress in the same way that we would hold ourselves to account over equally important issues such as Children and Families and Health. My amendment gives council that responsibility. Either we meant what we said in March or we

didn't. If we did then you need to support the amendment which gives councillors an active oversight in the progress we have made to make, sorry we have to make to reach our goals by 2030. Thank you Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Blackburn

COUNCILLOR D BLACKBURN: Thank you Lord Mayor: While I think that General Purposes Committee have made it quite clear that the principle of setting the committee up was we were in favour of. The fact is that after some questioning and after reflection and discussion between myself and Councillor Campbell I felt as Councillor Campbell did that there was not enough reference to Council within from that committee and not enough accountability and if we are seriously going to deal with this problem and this is not something trying to trip up the administration I think it's to the advantage of the administration as well because this is going to be difficult we need Council fully involved in it. So on that basis I am seconding this amendment. Thank you.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Carter.

COUNCILLOR ANDREW CARTER: Yes again Lord Mayor we find ourselves in something of a quandary with this. I can see no reason why we want a Scrutiny Committee to look into something that a Scrutiny Committee already exists to look into. Why on an issue as important as this do we want to pile bureaucracy on top of bureaucracy it makes no sense. However on the other part of what is being proposed the need for every Member of this Council to have opportunity regularly to comment on the work that's been done by the Advisory Committee and indeed by the Scrutiny Committee is extremely important and it's why we are supportive of that part of the amendment but not the first part. However again I have asked for reassurance from the Leader of Council which I have received that this Advisory group will report to Executive Board on a regular basis that means it's report will come to this Council not once a year but on a regular basis so that every Member of this Council will have the opportunity to comment as we should on these extremely important issues. So again and why do we abstain, because we're not very trusting souls really. So I take her at her word that that's what will happen and as she full well knows if it doesn't we can call special Council meetings to make sure it does. I don't want to do that so I take your word for it there will be the opportunity regularly for all Members of this Council to comment on the work of this Climate Change Advisory Committee without the need for another Scrutiny Committee doing the same work as another Scrutiny Committee.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Thank you Lord Mayor and I think this is one occasion when actually reading the papers is actually, it would have helped enormously. This is a really important issue and it's one we've actually proven cross party in this Council that we're actually very passionate about as has been said we

unanimously declared a climate change emergency at the March Council meeting one of the first councils in the country I understand to do so. Followed this up by a report to the Executive Board meeting in April where we announced a city conversation on what action the city needs to take to meet our carbon emissions reduction target. The outcome of that conversation will be reported to the Executive Board at the end of the year. The Climate Change Committee will, as Councillor Carter said, send regular reports to the Executive Board and this will mean there is a provision for those reports to be debated regularly within this Council Chamber and more than that every Executive portfolio will have at its heart the climate change emergency.

We encourage everyone with an interest in this to engage and contribute to the process. The proposal for the cross party Climate Change Committee with its wide ranging brief to challenge, investigate and advise on how this work is to be taken forward chaired by Councillor Walshaw went to the General purposes Committee last Wednesday and received full, I had thought, cross party support. We also have scrutiny from the Environment and Housing Communities Scrutiny Board chaired by Councillor Anderson. This administration has demonstrated how seriously we are taking climate change by making it one of the three pillars of our overall strategy along with improving health and well-being and promoting inclusive economic growth. I know by working together we can make a real difference and look forward to hearing the Climate Change Committee's report back at the end of the year and to be debating it fully from the Executive Board minutes. Thank you
Lord Mayor.

(applause)

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll now go for a vote in the amendment ...

(background talking)

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Would all Members please ensure they are in their allocated seats. Members have requested a recorded vote on the amendment in the name of Councillor Campbell. All Members should refer to the desk unit, press the button marked P and then press the plus button to vote in favour, the minus button to vote against and the 0 button to abstain. As Councillor Latty is not in his allocated seat because of being the retiring Lord Mayor will just ask him how he is voting. OK.

(background talking)

THE LORD MAYOR: OK we've got 76 present, 16 yes, abstentions 2, 56 against. So that's LOST.

We'll go for the approval vote, the schedule. Is that a recorded vote. (*A vote was taken*). That is CARRIED.

ITEM 8(d)(i) - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEES
- UNCONTESTED

We'll move on to Item 8 move on to Item 8. Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Lord Mayor in accordance with the Community Committee Procedure rules where nominations for the chair of a Community Committee are unopposed the Lord Mayor will invite those of you, so you will invite of those members of the Committee present at the Council meeting to elect that nominee.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Scopes.

COUNCILLOR SCOPES: I second that.

THE LORD MAYOR: OK we'll move on to vote for the Area Committee. Only Members that in the Inner North West to vote in this one. so it's Councillor Javid Akhtar that's nominated to be the chair. *(A vote was taken)*. That is CARRIED. So Councillor Javid Akhtar is chair.

(applause)

Councillor Wadsworth is nominated to be the Chair of the Outer North West. Again it's only members that belong to that committee voting. *(A vote was taken)*. That is CARRIED.

We've got Councillor Shahzad for the Inner North East Area Committee. Members on that committee. *(A vote was taken)*. Councillor Shahzad.

(applause)

We've got Councillor Harrington for the Outer North East Committee. *(A vote was taken)*. Councillor Harrington.

(applause)

We're now with Councillor Hussain for the Inner East Community Committee. *(A vote was taken)*. Councillor Hussain.

(applause)

We've got Councillor Gabriel for the Inner South Community. *(A vote was taken)*. Councillor Gabriel.

We've got Councillor Bithell for the Inner West Community. *(A vote was taken)*. That's been CARRIED Councillor Bithell.

(applause)

We've got Councillor Carter for the Outer West. *(A vote was taken)*. Councillor Carter.

(applause)

We got to Item d. Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Move in terms of the notice Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Scopes.

COUNCILLOR SCOPES: I second my Lord Mayor

THE LORD MAYOR: We have two nominees for this Committee. Was that a phone, it's £10 for my charity.

(background talking)

£10 for my charity, thank you. First £10.

ITEM 8(d)(ii) - APPOINTMENT TO CHAIR OUTER EAST COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – MORE THAN 1 NOMINATION

Sorry we've got to nominate for the Outer East Committee. We've got Councillor Mark Dobson and Councillor Pauleen Grahame. Again those are only the members of that Committee to vote on this. *(A vote was taken)*. So that is CARRIED to Councillor Grahame.

(applause)

The Outer South Committee we have got two more members. We've got Councillor Dawson and Councillor Finnigan.

(A recorded vote was requested)

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Would all Members of the Outer South Community Committee please ensure they are in their allocated seats. Members have requested a recorded vote in respect of the appointment of the Chair of the Outer South Community Committee. Would Members press the button marked P then those Members in favour of Councillor Dawson should press the plus button. Those Members in favour of Councillor Finnigan should press the minus button and any Member wishing to abstain should press the 0 button. *(A vote was taken)*.

OK it's 10 Members present and it's a tie, it's 5 votes each. So we'll go to the full Council to vote on this.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Would all Members please ensure they are in their allocated seats. Members have requested a recorded vote in respect of the appointment of the Chair of the Outer South Community Committee this is for all Members of Council now. Members should refer to the desk unit press the button marked P. Those Members in favour of Councillor Dawson should press the plus button. Those Members in favour of Councillor Finnigan should press the minus button. Any Member wishing to abstain should press the 0 button. *(A vote was taken)*.

Councillor Forsaith which way do you want to vote because your buttons not working.

Negative yes. OK thank you.

THE LORD MAYOR: OK we've got 91 Members present. Councillor Dawson 57, Councillor Finnigan 32 and 2 abstentions.

(applause and cheers)

So Councillor Dawson is the Chair of the Committee.

ITEM 9 - SCHEME OF DELEGATION (COUNCIL FUNCTIONS)

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: To move the office delegation scheme Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Scopes.

COUNCILLOR SCOPES: I second my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: *(A vote was taken)*. That's CARRIED.

ITEM 10 - EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Move in terms of the notice Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Scopes.

COUNCILLOR SCOPES: I second my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll have a vote. *(A vote was taken)*. That is CARRIED.

ITEM 11 - PROPOSED CALENDAR OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE LORD MAYOR: Item 11. Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: Move in terms of the notice Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Scopes.

COUNCILLOR SCOPES: I second my Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: We'll have a vote. *(A vote was taken)*. That's been CARRIED.

So this brings us to the end of the meeting. Thank you all for your patience and behave and again I want to thank you please enjoy the night. Thank you.

(applause)

(The meeting closed at 8.45pm)

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