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COUNCIL
21/05/2025 at 11.00 am



Present: The Mayor - Councillor Chauhan (in the Chair)

Councillors Adams, Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, M Ali, Z Ali, Arnott, Aslam, Azad, Ball, Bashforth, Bishop, Brownridge, Byrne, Charters, Chowhan, Cosgrove, Davis, Dean, Ghafoor, Goodwin, Hamblett, Harkness, Harrison, Hince, Hindle, Hobin, Hughes, Hurley, A Hussain, F Hussain, J. Hussain, S. Hussain, Ibrahim, Iqbal, Islam, Jabbar, Kenyon, Kouser, Malik, Marland, McLaren, Moores, Murphy, Mushtaq, Nasheen, Navesey, Quigg, Rustidge, Shah, Sharp, Sheldon, Shuttleworth, Sykes, Taylor, Wahid, Wilkinson, Williamson and Woodvine

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lancaster.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ANY MATTER TO BE DETERMINED AT THE MEETING

The Mayor, Councillor Chauhan declared an Other Registerable Interest in agenda item 3, insofar that it related to his proposed appointment as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough. Councillor Chauhan left the room during the consideration and determination of this matter, vacating the Chair in favour of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Moores.

3 HONORARY ALDERMEN AND HONORARY FREEMAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Director of Governance, which asked the Council to consider the appointment of three former Councillors and Mayors of the Borough: Riaz Ahmad, John Hudson and Bernard Judge as Honorary Aldermen of the Borough of Oldham in recognition of eminent service to the Council and to the Borough.

Nominations for the three positions of Honorary Alderman were received and considered by the Council's Leader and Leaders of the opposition groups.

Full Council may, at a special Council meeting, by formal resolution, bestow the honours of Honorary Alderman and the resolution should be passed by no less than two-thirds of the Members at a special meeting of the Council. Formal presentations were to take place at special ceremonies at a later date.

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the Motion.

RESOLVED that Riaz Ahmad be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of Oldham as, in the opinion of the Council, he had rendered eminent service to the Borough of Oldham.

Councillor Woodvine MOVED and Councillor Shah SECONDED the Motion.



RESOLVED that John Hudson be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of Oldham as, in the opinion of the Council, he had rendered eminent service to the Borough of Oldham.

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Sykes SECONDED the Motion.

RESOLVED that Bernard Judge be admitted as an Honorary Alderman of Oldham as, in the opinion of the Council, he had rendered eminent service to the Borough of Oldham.

The Mayor, declared an Other Registerable Interest in the following matter, insofar as it related to his proposed appointment as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough. The Mayor left the room during the consideration and determination of this matter, vacating the Chair in favour of the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Moores.

Councillor Moores, Deputy Mayor, in the Chair.

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Director of Governance which asked the Council to consider the appointment of Councillor Zahid Chauhan, as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Oldham, in recognition of eminent service to the Council or Borough.

A Nomination for Honorary Freeman had been received and considered by the Council's Leader and Leaders of the opposition groups

Full Council may, at special Council meeting by formal resolution, bestow the honours of Honorary Freeman and the resolution should be passed by no less than two-thirds of the Members at a special meeting of the Council. A formal presentation will take place at a special ceremony at a later date.

Councillor Shah MOVED and Councillor Mushtaq SECONDED the Motion.

RESOLVED that Councillor Zahid Chauhan be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of Oldham as, in the opinion of the Council, he had rendered eminent service to the Borough of Oldham.

The meeting started at 11.00am and ended at 11.15am