



MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

Date: 21st March 2020

Time: 7.30pm

Location: The Council Chamber, the Town Hall, Ripon, HG4 1DD

Present Cllr E Parkin - The Right Worshipful the Mayor
Cllr S Craggs
Cllr C Davis
Cllr C Hardisty
Cllr P McHardy
Cllr A Williams

In Attendance Paula Benson, the Clerk and the Sergeant at Mace and one member of the public.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Prayers were said by the Sergeant at Mace

56/20	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bate, Chambers, Hawke, Horton, Martin and Powell, reasons for absence were not approved.				
57/20	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any Agenda item as listed below. None.				
58/20	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation. None.				
59/20	To consider passing a resolution to delegate decision making to the Clerk to the Council under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 to allow continuation of Council business. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the Council empowers Paula Benson as the Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer to do anything expedient and necessary to ensure the continuous business of the Council and to deal with all mandatory undertakings in order to prevent the authority from incurring liability for the period of time that the Coronavirus pandemic and anything arising therefrom affects the routine meetings of Ripon City Council. <table border="1"><tr><td>Proposed – Cllr Williams</td><td>Seconded – Cllr McHardy</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</td></tr></table> <p>It was noted that resolution 59/20 2. - 3. is designed to formalise a route for the Clerk to seek the opinion of designated councillors on matters where it is considered that that would assist. However, it is acknowledged that Paula Benson, as Clerk and Responsible Finance officer, is the sole person designated to make decisions on behalf of Ripon City Council during the period of time to which this resolution 59/20 applies.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr McHardy	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
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	2. That Councillor Williams becomes the Leader of the Council in accordance with Standing order item 27 a) for the period of time that the Coronavirus pandemic and anything arising therefrom affects the routine meetings of Ripon City Council.
	Proposed – Cllr McHardy
	Seconded – Cllr Hardisty
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.
	3. That Councillor Martin becomes the Deputy Leader of the Council in accordance with Standing Order item 27 a) for the period of time that the Coronavirus pandemic and anything arising therefrom affects the routine meetings of Ripon City Council.
	Proposed – Cllr Craggs
	Seconded – Cllr Davis
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.

With business concluded the meeting was closed at 7.50pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the City Council.

SIGNED

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THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR