

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

5 JUNE 2024

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Ward), Councillors Barnett, Bennett, Brown, Dumbleton, C Edwards, S Edwards, Freeman, Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Hassell, Henderson, Howling, D Keeling, J Keeling, Lawrence, Lewis, Livesey, Maoudis, McKenzie, Mistry, Moran, New, Picker, Poole, Robinson, Roodhouse, Russell, Sandison, Sayani, Simpson-Vince, Slinger, Srivastava, Thomas, Timms, Trimble and Willis.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Daly, Karadiar, O'Rourke and Parker.

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13 March 2024 and the annual meeting held on 16 May 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Moran moved and Councillor Mistry seconded the following motion which had been submitted in accordance with the Council's Constitution:

"Council resolves that Councillor Derek Poole be removed from the office of Leader of the Council and that a new Leader be appointed."

Following debate, and in accordance with paragraph 15.4 of Council Standing Orders, three Councillors requested a recorded vote be taken on the motion.

For the motion - Councillors Barnett, Bennett, Brown, Dumbleton, C Edwards, S Edwards, Freeman, Harrington, Henderson, Lewis, Livesey, McKenzie, Mistry, Moran, New, Robinson, Roodhouse, Sandison, Sayani, Slinger, Srivastava, Thomas and Trimble – **23 votes**

Against the motion – Councillors Garcia, Gillias, Hassell, Howling, D Keeling, J Keeling, Lawrence, Maoudis, Picker, Poole, Russell, Simpson-Vince, Timms, Ward and Willis – **15 votes**

The Mayor declared the motion carried and confirmed that Cllr Derek Poole had been formally removed from his position as Leader of this Council.

The Council wished to place on record its thanks to Councillors Poole and Picker for their work and commitment as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

The Mayor then sought nominations with a view to passing a resolution for the appointment of a new Leader.

Councillor Mistry moved and Councillor Slinger seconded that Councillor Moran be elected Leader of the Council.

The vote for any nominees only called on votes in favour of the nomination. The nominee with the majority of votes would be elected as the Leader.

Further to debate, the Mayor put the nomination of Councillor Moran to the vote and declared it carried by a majority vote.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) Councillor Poole be removed as Leader of Rugby Borough Council with immediate effect;
- (2) Councillor Moran be elected Leader of Rugby Borough Council; and
- (3) the Council places on record its thanks to Councillors Poole and Picker for their work and commitment as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

14. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES 2024/25

It was proposed by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED THAT – the appointments to all committees for the 2024/25 municipal year be made as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

MAYOR