



Minutes of the **EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Monday 3 June, 2024, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House, Walsall.

Present

Councillor A. Harris (Mayor) in the Chair

Councillors: G. Ali
A. Andrew
H. Bashir
M.A. Bird
C. Bott
P. Bott
R. Burley
S. Cheema
S.J. Cooper
M. Coulson
S.K. Ditta
S. Elson
K. Ferguson
G. Flint
M. Follows
N. Gandham
A. Garcha
P. Gill
N. Gultasib
L. Harrison
A.J. Hicken
A. Hussain
I. Hussain
K. Hussain
S.B. Hussain
T. Jukes
P. Kaur
R. Larden
N. Latham
E. Lee
R. Martin
R. K Mehmi
E. Morgan
J. Murray
L. Nahal
S. Nasreen
A.A. Nawaz
K. Pedley
G. Perry
W. Rasab
L.J. Rattigan
S. Samra
K. Sears
G. Singh Sohal
P. Smith
C.A. Statham
M.A. Statham
C.D.D. Towe
V.J. Waters
J. Whitehouse
T. Wilson

20. Apologies

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Chapman, Margetts, Murphy, Ward, Russell, Parkes, and Bains.

21. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

22. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

Resolved

There were no items in private session.

23. **To Determine Leadership of the Council**

The report was submitted [annexed].

The Mayor called upon Councillor Bird to make an announcement, during which he formally resigned as Leader of the Council. Following the announcement, several members paid tribute to Councillor Bird during his tenure as Leader.

Further to debate, it was **moved** by Councillor Bird, seconded by Andrew and:

Resolved

That Councillor Perry be appointed Leader under the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 for a four-year period commencing 3 June, 2024.