

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY 23 MAY 2021
SAND MARTIN HOUSE, PETERBOROUGH**

THE MAYOR – COUNCILLOR ALAN DOWSON

Present:

Councillors Ansar Ali, Imtiaz Ali, Jackie Allen, Steve Allen, Ayres, Barkham, Bi, Bisby, Andrew Bond, Sandra Bond, Burbage, Casey, Cereste, Coles, Day, Dowson, Elsey, Mohammed Farooq, Saqib Farooq, Fitzgerald, John Fox, Judy Fox, Harper, Haseeb, Hiller, Hogg, Howard, Hussain, Iqbal, Jamil, Alison Jones, Dennis Jones, Knight, Lane, Moyo, Gul Nawaz, Shaz Nawaz, Over, Perkins, Qayyum, Rangzeb, Ray, Robinson, Rush, Sabir, Sainsbury, Sandford, Seager, Shaheed, Sharp, Simons, Skibsted, Tyler, Warren, Wiggin, Yasin, Yurgutene

17. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hemraj, Councillor Howell, and Councillor Fenner.

18. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

19. Motion on Notice (St George's Hydrotherapy Pool)

Councillor Yasin moved her motion in relation to St George's Hydrotherapy Pool and advised how the closure of the facility had been difficult for its 4,000+ users. Many users of all ages had been left with nowhere else to go to receive similar benefits. A high percentage of users had indicated that the facility at St George's had improved their wellbeing. Queries were raised in relation to the figures quoted in the briefing note provided to Members. It was clarified that the motion was not asking for resources to be provided, but simply that consideration be given to reopening the pool, which was vital for residents physically and for their wellbeing.

Councillor John Fox seconded the motion.

Members debated the motion and the following point was raised:

- A question was raised on behalf of a resident as to why the sale of the pool was not proceeding, as it was of vital importance for users to be able to start using the facility again, with many now having increased care needs following the period of closure.
- It was advised that Cabinet was happy to agree to the motion and consider all possible options in relation to the pool, with a report to return to the next available Council meeting.

A vote was taken on the motion moved by Councillor Yasin. The Council **AGREED** (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) the motion as follows:

“Council calls upon the leader and the cabinet to urgently examine all possible options for re-opening the St George's Hydrotherapy pool either permanently or temporarily pending alternatives becoming available and to report back on progress to the next available meeting of Full Council.”

The Mayor
8.25pm – 8.33pm
23 May 2022