

**Minutes of: COUNCIL**

**Date of Meeting:** 21 May 2025

**Present:** The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Khalid Hussain, in the Chair)  
Councillors S Arif, N Bayley, R Bernstein, D Berry, C Birchmore, C Boles, A Booth, R Brown, C Cummins, D Duncalfe, U Farooq, E FitzGerald, D Green, J Grimshaw, S Haroon, J Harris, M Hayes, J Hook, K Hussain, B Ibrahim, J Lancaster, G Marsden, G McGill, C Morris, E Moss, E O'Brien, T Pilkington, A Quinn, D Quinn, T Rafiq, M Rahimov, I Rizvi, M Rubinstein, J Rydeheard, L Ryder, K Simpson, L Smith, M Smith, J Southworth, G Staples-Jones, T Tariq, S Thorpe, D Vernon, S Walmsley, M Walsh and Y Wright

**Apologies for Absence** A Arif, N Frith, I Gartside, R Gold and L McBriar

**Public Attendance:** 100 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting.

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## **C.1 PART TWO MAYOR MAKING**

Councillor Russell Bernstein moved that Councillor Noel Bayley be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2025/2026, with Gill Campbell as Mayoress and Councillor Elliot Moss as Consort. Councillor Sandra Walmsley seconded the nomination. Councillors Mike Smith, Debra Green and Michael Rubinstein spoke in support of the nomination. Councillor Khalid Hussain, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was:

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Noel Bayley be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2025/2026, with Gill Campbell as Mayoress and Councillor Elliot Moss as Consort.

The newly-elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, read and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on her in electing her Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

### **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT:**

It was moved by Councillor Tom Pilkington, seconded by Councillor Jo Lancaster and supported by Councillor Mike Smith and it was:

### **RESOLVED:**

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Khalid Hussain and Mrs Carol Bernstein for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Mayoress of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress.

## **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR 2025/2026**

It was moved by Councillor Dene Vernon, seconded by Councillor Alan Quinn and supported by Councillor Joan Grimshaw and it was:-

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Tahir Rafiq be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2025/2026, with Mrs Manzoor Bibi and Ms Nisa Rafiq as Deputy Mayoresses.

The newly-elected Deputy Mayor then occupied the Chair, read and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on him in electing him Deputy Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

## **THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR**

**(Notes:** Part 2 of the meeting started at 4.00pm and ended at 5.30pm)