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LEEDS CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on

Thursday 30th April 2020

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In the Chair:

THE LORD MAYOR
(COUNCILLOR E TAYLOR)

VERBATIM REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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THE LORD MAYOR: OK I'd like to welcome Members to this first remote meeting of Full Council and I also welcome members of the public who are joining me today. But before we go on with this meeting can I just say to, comment to say thank you, can I say thank you to all frontline staff and volunteers for how they have responded to the covid 19 pandemic. It's amazing how everyone get together and help the vulnerable in our community, it's absolutely amazing.

Can I also pay tribute to our officers Leeds City Council officers. I know that many are working really hard in the background to keep the communities in the city running and without you in this difficult time there'd be more crisis apart from the pandemic so thank you very much for that for all the officers behind the scene and also I know all 99 councillors are doing a marvellous job in their community that they represent, thank you.

Sadly I would like to express my condolences for all those that have passed to covid 19, my thoughts are with all the families and also their my (inaudible) but at the same time I'm wishing all those in hospital poorly a speedy recovery and on a positive note I know that you all will join with me and give a big cheer and I'd like to wish Colonel Tom Moore a very happy 100th birthday so could you cheer for Colonel Tom for me.

(Loud cheers and applause)

He's very inspirational and when he comes on the screen for that few seconds our minds shift away from the difficulties that we are going through. So if he's watching this today he can have a sherry or a cup of tea or whatever his preference is. Happy birthday Colonel Tom.

So we'll go back to the agenda. For me to conduct this meeting can I ask Members to please put their microphone on mute and also could you turn your TV or radio to a minimum volume.

ITEM 1 – REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

THE LORD MAYOR: We have only have one item on the agenda today so could we go to Item 1. Councillor Dowson.

COUNCILLOR DOWSON: I'd like to move in terms of the notice Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Councillor Cohen, Councillor Dan Cohen to step in.

COUNCILLOR COHEN: Thank you Lord Mayor can we also just join in with all the comments that you said and second Lord Mayor.

THE LORD MAYOR: Thank you. I'll go to a vote but as you know we are not in the Chamber today and we haven't got our machine to press our buttons so we are going to do it by silence and names. So if you're going to, if you're agreed with the motion that came through you'll remain silent throughout this meeting. If you're going to vote against or abstain you just shout your name.

I'm going to go to my party, so can I ask Labour Member Party if you are going to against or abstain could you please say your name ...

Can I ask the Conservative Members if you are against or abstain can you please say your name ...

Can I ask the Liberal Democratic members if you are against or abstain can you please say your name ...

Can I ask the Morley Borough Independents Group are you against or abstain can you say your name ...

Can I ask Garforth and Swillington Members are you against or abstain can you please say your name ...

And can I ask the Green Party are you against or abstain can you please say your name ...

So far I've heard no names so all Members are agreed so it as been CARRIED. Thank you.

So this is the shortest meeting that we have so far and before I go can I thank all the staff from the Governance Team and IT to make this meeting happening today and also thank you Members. Please keep doing what you're doing, stay safe, look after your community which I know you are doing I can see it on Facebook but in the meantime look after your loved ones and yourself and stay safe.

And also can I thank our Leader and Tom for all the work that our Chief Exec are doing and our PR to keep us going and the Leader of the Council to keep us informed every day and because of that we have all the information we want to share with our communities.

So in this difficult time let us forget about party and work together just to bring back the city together. Thank you all, enjoy your evening.

(The meeting closed at 5.06pm)

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