## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2022

#### Present:

Councillor Benson (in the Chair)

#### Councillors

Brookes	Critchley	Kirkland	Smith
Burdess	Cross	Matthews	Stansfield
Mrs Callow JP	Farrell	B Mitchell	Taylor
Clapham	Galley	O'Hara	Walsh
D Coleman	Hugo	Owen	L Williams
G Coleman	Hunter	Roberts	Wilshaw
Collett	Hutton	Mrs Scott	
Cox	Jackson	R Scott	

## In Attendance:

Neil Jack, Chief Executive
Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive
Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance
Sarah Chadwick, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser
Jenni Cook, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser

## 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

# **2 BLACKPOOL MEDAL**

The Council noted that at the meeting in May 2021, Members had agreed the amended criteria for the award of the Blackpool medal and at the meeting on 18 May 2022, it had been resolved to bestow the award to Mrs Elaine Smith MBE.

**Motion**: Councillor L Williams proposed (and Councillor Clapham seconded):

'To award the Blackpool Medal to Mrs Elaine Smith MBE in recognition of her eminent service to the Borough'.

Councillors Cross, Owen, Mrs Scott and G Coleman also paid tribute.

During the speeches, reference was made to Elaine's work with Civic Trust and her involvement in the Trust's projects as Secretary, Chair and President. Members also paid tribute to her work with Blackpool in Bloom, the Winter Gardens Trust, Friends of Stanley Park as well her serving on many local committees and boards and her contribution to heritage projects.

Motion carried: The motion was carried unanimously.

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Mrs Elaine Smith MBE thanked the Council following which presentation of the medal and certificate took place.

## **3 ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Mayor informed members that it had been confirmed that Her Majesty the Queen has passed away.

A minute's silence was held.

# Mayor

(The meeting ended at 6.50 pm)

Any queries regarding these minutes, please contact: Lorraine Hurst, Head of Democratic Governance Tel: 01253 477127

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