

# Agenda

# Council

**Special meeting called to confer the honorary title of  
Alderman**


## Summons

A meeting of the City Council will be held to transact the business set out below on

Date: **Monday 29 November 2021**

Time: **4.30 pm**

Place: **Council Chamber - Oxford Town Hall**



**Proper Officer**

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## **Membership of Council**

Councillors: Membership 48: Quorum 12.

**Lord Mayor** Councillor Mark Lygo

**Deputy Lord Mayor** Councillor Stephen Goddard

**Sheriff** Councillor Dick Wolff

<b>Members</b>	Councillor Evin Abrishami	Councillor Jemima Hunt
	Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan	Councillor Chris Jarvis
	Councillor Lubna Arshad	Councillor Tom Landell Mills
	Councillor Shaista Aziz	Councillor Dr Amar Latif
	Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers	Councillor Sajjad Malik
	Councillor Diko Blackings	Councillor Katherine Miles
	Councillor Susan Brown	Councillor Edward Mundy
	Councillor Nigel Chapman	Councillor Chewe Munkonge
	Councillor Mary Clarkson	Councillor Jabu Nala-Hartley
	Councillor Colin Cook	Councillor Lucy Pegg
	Councillor Tiago Corais	Councillor Susanna Pressel
	Councillor Barbara Coyne	Councillor Ajaz Rehman
	Councillor Lizzy Diggins	Councillor Mike Rowley
	Councillor Dr Hosnieh Djafari-Marbini	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Paula Dunne	Councillor Roz Smith
	Councillor Laurence Fouweather	Councillor Dr Christopher Smowton
	Councillor James Fry	Councillor Imogen Thomas
	Councillor Andrew Gant	Councillor Marie Tidball
	Councillor Mick Haines	Councillor Ed Turner
	Councillor Duncan Hall	Councillor Louise Upton
	Councillor Tom Hayes	Councillor Elizabeth Wade
	Councillor Alex Hollingsworth	Councillor Naomi Waite
	Councillor Rae Humberstone	

Apologies will be reported at the meeting.

# Agenda

The business to be transacted is set out below

Pages

1 **Welcome speech by Lord Mayor**

2 **Apologies for absence**

## The Lord Mayor will propose the following resolutions

3 **Conferral of title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon Christine Simm**

Proposer Cllr Tidball, seconder Cllr Brown

**Recommendation:** Council is recommended to resolve that:

Oxford City Council notes that at its annual meeting on the 19 May 2021 it resolved that a special meeting be convened for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon Christine Simm following her retirement as a member of the Council on 10 May 2021.

At this meeting of Oxford City Council convened for the purpose of considering conferral of the honour,

we do hereby recognise the eminent services rendered by former Councillor Christine Simm to Oxford City Council as a past Member of the Council for a period of fifteen years and as former Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford;

and by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting do confer the **title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon Christine Simm;**

and note that **Christine Simm** may thereafter exercise such rights and privileges as the Council may from time to time determine should be granted to Honorary Aldermen, in witness of which the Common Seal of Oxford City Council shall be affixed and dated 29 November 2021.

4 **Conferral of title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon Craig Simmons**

Proposer Cllr Wolff, seconder Cllr Fry

**Recommendation:** Council is recommended to resolve that:

Oxford City Council notes that at its annual meeting on the 19 May 2021 it resolved that a special meeting be convened for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon Craig Simmons following his retirement as a member of the Council on 10 May 2021.

At this meeting of Oxford City Council convened for the purpose of considering conferral of the honour,

we do hereby recognise the eminent services rendered by former Councillor Craig Simmons to Oxford City Council as a past Member of the Council for a period of seventeen years and as former Lord Mayor of Oxford;

and by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting do confer the **title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon Craig Simmons;**

and note that **Craig Simmons** may thereafter exercise such rights and privileges as the Council may from time to time determine should be granted to Honorary Aldermen, in witness of which the Common Seal of Oxford City Council shall be affixed and dated 29 November 2021.

## **5 Conferral of title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon John Tanner**

Proposer Cllr Hollingsworth, seconder Cllr Hayes

**Recommendation:** Council is recommended to resolve that:

Oxford City Council notes that at its annual meeting on the 19 May 2021 it resolved that a special meeting be convened for the purpose of conferring the title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon John Tanner following his retirement as a member of the Council on 10 May 2021.

At this meeting of Oxford City Council convened for the purpose of considering conferral of the honour,

we do hereby recognise the eminent services rendered by former Councillor John Tanner to Oxford City Council as a past Member of the Council for a period of thirty one years and as former Lord Mayor of Oxford;

and by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting do confer the **title of Honorary Alderman of Oxford City Council upon John Tanner;**

and note that **John Tanner** may thereafter exercise such rights and privileges as the Council may from time to time determine should be granted to Honorary Aldermen, in witness of which the Common Seal of Oxford City Council shall be affixed and dated 29 November 2021.

**6 Presentation of scrolls, acceptance speeches, and photographs, in the Chamber**

The Council will vote on the resolutions above and, if carried by not less than two-thirds of the members voting, the Lord Mayor will present scrolls and badges in recognition of the honour.

There will be short speeches by

Christine Simm

Craig Simmons

John Tanner

There will be an opportunity for photographs.

**7 Closing speech by Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of the Council**

**This meeting will then close and the ordinary meeting of Council will convene at 5.15pm**

## **Information for those attending**

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### **Councillors declaring interests**

#### **General duty**

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

#### **What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?**

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your\* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licenses for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

#### **Declaring an interest**

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest. If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

#### **Members' Code of Conduct and public perception**

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". The matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

\*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.