

# Minutes of a special meeting of Council on Monday 30 January 2023

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## Council members present:

Councillor Fry (Lord Mayor)	Councillor Lygo (Deputy Lord Mayor)
Councillor Rowley (Sheriff)	Councillor Altaf-Khan
Councillor Arshad	Councillor Brown
Councillor Chapman	Councillor Clarkson
Councillor Corais	Councillor Coyne
Councillor Djafari-Marbini	Councillor Fouweather
Councillor Goddard	Councillor Hayes
Councillor Hollingsworth	Councillor Jarvis
Councillor Kerr	Councillor Malik
Councillor Miles	Councillor Morris
Councillor Muddiman	Councillor Mundy
Councillor Munkonge	Councillor Pegg
Councillor Pressel	Councillor Railton
Councillor Rawle	Councillor Rehman
Councillor Sandelson	Councillor Linda Smith
Councillor Snowton	Councillor Thomas
Councillor Upton	Councillor Waite

## Also present for all or part of the meeting:

Tom Hook, Executive Director (Corporate Resources)  
Stephen Gabriel, Executive Director (Communities and People)  
Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services  
Susan Sale, Monitoring Officer and Head of Law & Governance  
Alice Courtney, Committee and Member Services Manager (Interim Acting)  
Celeste Reyeslao, Committee and Member Services Officer

## Apologies:

Councillor(s) Diggins, Gant, Hall, Humberstone, Landell Mills, Nala-Hartley and Roz Smith sent apologies.

The minutes show when Councillors who were absent for part of the meeting arrived and left.

### **63. Welcome by the Lord Mayor**

The Lord Mayor welcomed attendees to the meeting.

### **64. Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations.

### **65. Proposal of Motion**

Cllr Brown, Leader of the Council proposed the motion that Council confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Frances O'Grady in recognition of her relentless work and contributions to the trade union movement.

*Cllrs Pegg and Clarkson joined the meeting.*

### **66. Second and Support of Motion**

Cllr Jarvis, Green Group Leader gave a speech seconding the motion.

*Cllr Aziz joined the meeting.*

### **67. Council to Vote on Motion**

The motion, having been proposed and seconded, was put to the vote.

With all councillors present voting for the motion and none voting against, the motion was agreed unanimously, thereby meeting the requirements of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 that *the resolution be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon.*

**Council resolved, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City of Oxford on Frances O'Grady.**

### **68. Proposal of Motion**

Cllr Upton, Cabinet Member for Health and Transport proposed the motion that Council confer the Honorary Freedom of the City on Oxford Biomedical Research Centre for its dedication and contributions to the medical advances that helped improve and extend lives.

*Cllrs Pressel, Corais, Railton and Kerr joined the meeting.*

## **69. Second and Support of Motion**

Cllr Snowton, Liberal Democrat Group Leader gave a speech seconding the motion.

*Cllrs Djafari-Marbini and Mundy joined the meeting.*

## **70. Council to Vote on Motion**

The motion, having been proposed and seconded, was put to the vote.

With all councillors present voting for the motion and none voting against, the motion was agreed unanimously, thereby meeting the requirements of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 that *the resolution be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon.*

**Council resolved, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, to confer the Honorary Freedom of the City of Oxford on Oxford Biomedical Research Centre.**

## **71. Closing Speeches**

The Lord Mayor read out a statement of acceptance from Frances O’Grady, followed by a statement of acceptance from Helen McShane, on behalf of Oxford Biomedical Research Centre.

The Lord Mayor closed the meeting.

**The meeting started at 4.30 pm and ended at 4.50 pm**

**Lord Mayor .....**

**Date: Monday 30 January 2023**

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*Motions may be implemented immediately or may require further budget provision and/or reports to Cabinet before implementation.*

*Details are in the Council’s Constitution.*