

**CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 08 SEPTEMBER 2020  
ITEM 3: ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR**

**DEATH OF FORMER LORD-LIEUTENANT, DAME INGRID ROSCOE, DCVO, DL, FSA**

It was with the utmost sadness that I learned of the death of Dame Ingrid Roscoe, who was Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire from 2004 until 2018. Dame Ingrid passed away suddenly on the afternoon of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Dame Ingrid undertook her duties across the county with her characteristic energy, flair and innate charm. Her warmth and sparkling good humour immediately put all those she met at their ease; an indispensable quality on royal occasions when heightened nerves can abound.

Dame Ingrid enjoyed many visits to our district during her term of office and unfailingly won friends and admirers wherever she went. She took a keen interest in all those she met and did much to promote local businesses, causes and organisations.

I wrote, on behalf of the people of the district to offer our heartfelt condolences, to her widower and family.

**DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILLOR EILEEN SINCLAIR**

It is also with great sadness that I report the death of former Councillor Eileen Sinclair, which occurred on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Eileen was elected as a Ward Councillor for the Bingley Ward from 1996 until 2000. She undertook her duties with great drive and she served the people of her Ward with dedication and commitment.

Eileen had a special interest in matters relating to housing and environmental protection, as well as services aimed at older people. She was very well-regarded and I would like to place on record our gratitude for her service to this authority.

I wrote to Eileen's family to express the sorrow of the district at her passing.

**RETIREMENT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK, DR JOHN SENTAMU**

Dr John Sentamu retired as Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Metropolitan of the province of York in June 2020.

Dr Sentamu served as Archbishop from 2005 and during that time had a great impact on both the church and those whom he met. The former Archbishop visited the Bradford district on innumerable occasions his distinctive style and sense of fun earned him many friends.

Perhaps most memorably he joined us in Bradford and spoke very movingly on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bradford City fire disaster, in 2010.

I wrote to the retiring Archbishop to send him our thanks for his lengthy service and our good wishes on a long and happy retirement.

In turn, I am certain you will all wish to join me in extending a very warm welcome to his successor in office of Archbishop of York, the Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell.

**EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THE RETIRING HONORARY RECORDER, HHJ JONATHAN DURHAM HALL, QC.**

I would also like to place on record this Council's debt of gratitude to the retiring Honorary Recorder, His Honour Jonathan Durham Hall, QC.

Jonathan's passion for Bradford district and its people is well acknowledged and he has served with great distinction as Honorary Recorder since his appointment in 2017.

He has strengthened the bonds between the judiciary and the City and his profound sense of public service has been greatly appreciated.

I am sure we all wish him well for a long and contented retirement.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW HONORARY RECORDER, HHJ RICHARD MANSELL, QC.**

It is with great pleasure that I can report the appointment of His Honour Judge Richard Mansell, QC as Resident Judge at Bradford Combined Court Centre with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

Judge Mansell graduated from Leeds University and was called to the Bar in 1991. He was made a Queen's Counsel in 2009 and became a full-time judge in 2013, leaving his Bradford base to sit as a Circuit Judge on the Northern Circuit, based at Manchester Crown Square Court.

Prior to his move across the Pennines, he worked regularly at Bradford Crown Court and also sat there as a Recorder, a part-time judge.

A formal ceremony to celebrate HHJ Mansell's appointment as Honorary Recorder of Bradford cannot be arranged with the present constraints imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, but will be as soon as circumstances allow.

I am sure members will wish to join me in extending a warm welcome to the new Honorary Recorder and to wish him well in his new role.

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