

Agenda Item 4

CITY OF BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF COUNCIL – TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2024

ITEM 4 WRITTEN ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LORD MAYOR

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THE RETIRING HONORARY RECORDER, HHJ RICHARD MANSELL, KC

I would like to place on record this Council's debt of gratitude to the retiring Honorary Recorder, His Honour Judge Richard Mansell, KC.

Judge Mansell's passion for this district and its people is very well-established and he has served with great distinction as Honorary Recorder since his appointment in 2020.

He has strengthened the links between the judiciary and the City and his deep sense of public service has been widely appreciated.

I am sure we all wish him well for the future.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW HONORARY RECORDER, HHJ JONATHAN ROSE

It is with great pleasure that I can report the appointment of His Honour Judge Jonathan Rose as Resident Judge at Bradford Crown Court with effect from 11 October 2023.

Judge Rose was called to the Bar in 1981. In 1999 he was appointed as an Assistant Recorder, a Recorder in 2002 and a Circuit Judge in 2008.

In 1997, together with Steve Panter and Trevor Wilkinson, he co-authored the book "Innocents: How Justice Failed Stefan Kiszko and Lesley Molseed".

Judge Rose has been Schools, Colleges and Universities Judge at Bradford Crown Court since 2008. For the past eight years he has also been the founder and Course Director of SPRUCE (Student Pre-University Course Exposure), a course for Year 12 students from Bradford and the surrounding area, interested in studying and/or careers in the Law.

Married with two children, in his leisure time Judge Rose enjoys writing, playing and recording music, reading, history, cycling and watching sports from the comfort of the sofa.

I know that Judge Rose is delighted, honoured, and humbled to be appointed Honorary Recorder. Together, we share a strong interest in continuing to enhance the working relationship between the City and District of Bradford and the Court, and in emphasising the crucial and interwoven roles the Law and the Local Authority play in the consolidation and betterment of our civil society.

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

**DEPARTURE OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE
(MONITORING OFFICER), ASIF IBRAHIM**

I am sad to report that the Director of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer), Asif Ibrahim, is to shortly leave the Authority and, indeed, this will be his final Council meeting and his last working day at the Council.

Asif joined us on 12 September 2022 and, throughout his time with us, has been an unwavering source of sound counsel and guidance to us all.

We have valued enormously the thoughtful, courteous help and support he has provided, and we appreciate his commitment and, of course, his unfailing eye for detail.

I am sure Members and Officers will wish to join me in thanking Asif and wishing him every possible happiness and success in the future.

Distribution:

Lord Mayor (Cllr Gerry Barker)

Chief Executive (Dr Lorraine O'Donnell)

Director of Legal and Governance (Asif Ibrahim)

Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer (Jason Field)

Head of Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer (Mandy Hill)

Acting Civic Affairs Manager (Farzana Mughal)

Acting Governance, Scrutiny & Members' Support Manager (Fatima Butt)

Principal Executive Officer, Chief Executive's Office (Nigel Smith)

PA to the Leader of Council (Victoria Spratt)

Policy Research Officer, Bradford Labour Group (Simon O'Hare)