

**COUNCIL****HELD: Wednesday, 18 October 2023**

Start: 6.45 pm

Finish: 7.20 pm

**PRESENT:**

## Councillors:

M Nixon (Mayor)  
J Finch (Deputy Mayor)  
T Aldridge  
R Bailey  
P Burnside  
V Cummins  
T Devine  
I Eccles  
J Fillis  
T De Freitas  
Y Gagen  
N Hennessy  
P Hesketh  
K Jukes  
K Lloyd  
G Owen  
S Patel  
J Rear  
N Pryce-Roberts  
D West  
Mrs M Westley  
J Witter

M Anderson  
A Blundell  
C Coughlan  
D Daniels  
G Dowling  
A Fennell  
A Fowler  
N Furey  
J Gordon  
P Hennessy  
J Howard  
S Lawton  
R Molloy  
M Parlour  
Marsh-Pritchard  
I Rigby  
Webster  
D Westley  
D Whittington  
A Yates

## Officers:

Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey, Chief Operating Officer  
James Pierce, Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services Section 151 Officer  
Lisa Windle, Head of Corporate and Customer Services  
Paul Charlson, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services  
Kay Lovelady, Head of Legal & Democratic Services  
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager  
Stephen Stephen, Mayor's Chauffeur/Civic Officer  
Chantal Barton, Digital Communications Officer  
Thomas Lynan, Electoral Services Manager

## In attendance:

Alderman Atherley, Grant &amp; Roberts

**32 PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain for the evening, Father Godric Timney, led Members and officers in prayer.

**33 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Hogan, Mrs Marshall and Pope.

**34 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

**35 HONORARY ALDERMAN - MRS MAY BLAKE**

Consideration was given to a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Westley and seconded by Councillor Whittington in the following terms:

“That pursuant to their powers under Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer upon Mrs May Blake, the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of West Lancashire in recognition of the eminent services which she has rendered to the Council of the Borough of West Lancashire during the 28 years in which she was a Member of the Council.”

In moving the above Motion, Councillor Westley paid tribute to the services rendered to the Council by former Councillor Mrs Blake during her 28 years as a Councillor.

Councillor Whittington, in seconding the Motion, concurred with Councillor Westley’s remarks, as did other Members who were in attendance.

The Mayor then put the Motion to the vote and as there were more than two-thirds of the Members voting thereon in favour of the Motion, as required by Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, it was

**RESOLVED:** That pursuant to their powers under Section 249 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do confer upon Mrs May Blake, the title of Honorary Alderman of the Borough of West Lancashire in recognition of the eminent services which she has rendered to the Council of the Borough of West Lancashire during the 28 years in which she was a Member of the Council.

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**THE MAYOR**