

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN (PART 1 – FOR PUBLICATION)

MEETING: Special Council – Wednesday 9 September 2015 – 20.45 hrs.
Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: All Councillors with the exception of those listed at item 1 below.

ALSO PRESENT: Y Tiako (Youth Mayor) and A Thurley (Youth Council)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bibby, R Henry CC, G Lawrence, A McGuinness and V Warwick.

There were no declarations of interest.

The Mayor informed the meeting that a letter would be sent on behalf of the town to congratulate the Queen on becoming the longest serving monarch of our country.

The Leader then made a statement concerning the Syrian refugee crisis in which she said that in recognition of the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Syria the Council would be working with Partners, including Hertfordshire County Council and the National Health Service to aid those relocated in the area. To assuage concerns that might be expressed in some quarters she stressed that the Council would continue to provide a full service to the residents of the town. It was the intention to bring a full report to Council on the issue at a later date.

2. HONORARY ALDERMAN

The Chamber was reminded that at a Special meeting of the Council on 22 July a resolution was agreed that the Council should confer the title of Honorary Alderman on Patrick David Kissane.

Members then spoke in tribute to David Kissane, recognising his tireless work for the community, his support to local charities, including GEMMS, The Haven and the Furniture Recycling Scheme and his mentoring of other Councillors during his period as a Councillor from 1986 until 2015. The view was expressed that David Kissane had been an

exemplary Community Councillor.

A certificate was then presented to Alderman Kissane.

Alderman Kissane made an acceptance speech in which he said that he was both proud and humbled to have received the award and he thanked his mentors for when he was a new Councillor, current Members, Officers of the Council and in particular his family.