

**MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 16 January 2019.

**PRESENT:** Councillors S E Bloundele (Chair), R Brady (Vice-Chair), R Arundale, S Biswas, D J Branson, J Brunton Dobson, Mr D Budd, M Carr, D P Coupe, D Davison, S Dean, E Dryden, A Hellaoui, T Higgins, C Hobson, J Hobson, L Lewis, J McGee, L McGloin, G Purvis, C M Rooney, D Rooney, J Rostron, J Sharrocks, M Storey, J Thompson, M Thompson, Z Uddin, J A Walker, N J Walker, V Walkington, M Walters, J Young and L Young

**OFFICERS:** A Allen, J Bromiley, B Carr, S Dorchell, R Grey, J Robinson, D Johnson, A Pain, T Parkinson, S Reynolds, B Roberts, J Shiel, K Whitmore

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Councillor J Blyth, Councillor J Goodchild, Councillor T Harvey, Councillor B A Hubbard, Councillor N Hussain, Councillor T Mawston, Councillor F McIntyre, Councillor J Mohan.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None Declared

**1 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

A letter was received from five members of the Council requesting that an Extraordinary Council meeting be arranged. The nature of the business to be transacted was:

Middlesbrough rebranding

'We the MICA Group believe that the rebranding of Middlesbrough needs debating by this authority and the implementation of the proposed rebranding should be reconsidered.

The majority of public opinion is that the proposed rebranding is not satisfactory and unnecessary.

We have seen a number of rebrands by previous elected members, more recently Mayor Mallon, each of which have failed to achieve anything other than a significant burden on the taxpayer.

You have included the fact we are allegedly nicknamed; 'The Shoreditch of the North' as if it is a badge of honour, in fact Shoreditch has some of the worst crime rates in the country and is not something you should be aspiring to.'

The Chair advised that unfortunately none of the five members that had signed the request for an Extraordinary meeting were in attendance to explain the purpose of the meeting and therefore he had no alternative but to close the meeting.