

CITY HALL,
SUNDERLAND.
6 August 2024

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of Sunderland City Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA** on **WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 2024** at **5.30pm** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business: -

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| 1. To read the Notice convening the meeting. | - |
| 2. Apologies for absence | - |
| 3. Declarations of interest | - |
| 4. To consider the attached Motion (copy attached). | 1 |



PATRICK MELIA OBE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Note it is intended that the meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel at

<https://youtube.com/live/5H40uStuttQ?feature=share>

Motion on Notice

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Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motion: -

Events of 2 and 3 August 2024

Members of the city council are appalled by the events that took place in the city centre and surrounding neighbourhoods on Friday 2 and Saturday 3 August, 2024.

Friday evening in particular, saw shocking scenes unfold in our city in the wake of the tragic event in Southport earlier in the week.

Completely unacceptable acts of crime and disorder were committed and the violence led to police officers being injured, many people feeling extremely fearful for their safety, and significant damage to property. There was some further disruption and vandalism in the city centre on Saturday afternoon and early evening.

We are in wholehearted agreement that these scenes are not at all representative of Sunderland. The vast majority of residents are very proud of our city and are deeply shocked at what has happened.

There has been an overwhelming response – one that is very much representative of Sunderland – with people eager to help others and repair the damage.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to the Police who were so brave in the face of the attacks and in giving their all to protect our communities.

We are also deeply grateful to council employees who worked round the clock to respond to the events including the major clean-up effort that commenced late on Friday evening and continued through the night. Demonstrating the immense community spirit that exists right across our city, our teams were joined by hundreds of residents, partner organisations, community and business leaders from early Saturday morning.

Refreshments were provided by businesses, residents brought their own equipment to help clear up and faith leaders organised community get-togethers and a prayer walk. This is the real Sunderland.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Reflect on and learn from the response to the events of the weekend along with our partners;
- Build our relationships and collaborative working with the city's Interfaith Forum, along with city, regional and national partners including the Government, to deliver an impactful cohesion strategy;
- Continue to understand and respond to the impacts on all of our communities in Sunderland, providing whatever support we can to ensure the city comes back stronger from these events, and is quickly restored to the welcoming, diverse and vibrant place we all know it to be.

Proposed by Councillor Kelly Chequer
Seconded by Councillor Michael Mordey

Additional Signatories

Cllr Kevin Johnston	Cllr Michael Butler	Cllr Philip Tye
Cllr Lindsey Leonard	Cllr Beth Jones	