

## **Redditch Borough Council 29th June 2026 Motions on Notice**

### **1. Motion Civility, Respect and Safety in Public Life**

The following Motion on Notice has been submitted by Councillor Jane Spilsbury and seconded by Councillor Sharon Harvey.

“This Council notes:

- The murder of Jo Cox MP on 16 June 2016 and the 10th anniversary of her death in 2026.
- The murder of Sir David Amess MP on 15 October 2021 whilst carrying out a constituency surgery on behalf of his constituents.
- The continuing abuse, intimidation and threats directed towards elected representatives at all levels of government.
- Research showing that a significant number of councillors have experienced abuse, intimidation or harassment whilst carrying out their public duties.

This Council further notes:

- That democracy is strengthened when people with differing political views can engage in robust but respectful debate.
- That, as Jo Cox said in her maiden speech, "we have far more in common than that which divides us."
- That public service should never place an individual at risk of abuse, intimidation or violence.
- That elected representatives from all political parties, and those with no political affiliation, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
- That abuse, intimidation and threats have no place in local government, national politics or wider public life.

This Council resolves:

- To mark the lives and public service of Jo Cox MP and Sir David Amess MP through a minute's silence and reflection at this meeting.
- To reaffirm its commitment to respectful political discourse and democratic engagement.
- To stand united against abuse, intimidation and violence directed towards all elected representatives, regardless of political party or personal beliefs.
- To encourage all those involved in public debate, both online and offline, to engage respectfully and constructively with those holding different views.”

## **2. Honorary Freemen of the Borough – Jordan Adams and Cian Adams**

The following Motion on Notice has been submitted by Councillor Matthew Dormer and seconded by Councillor Nic Pioli

“Members will be aware of the extraordinary achievements of Redditch residents Jordan Adams and Cian Adams in undertaking and completing a series of endurance challenges to raise awareness of frontotemporal dementia (FTD).

Their efforts have attracted local, regional and national attention, bringing significant recognition to the Borough of Redditch whilst raising awareness of a devastating condition that has affected their own family and many others.

Jordan and Cian have through their efforts made an extraordinary contribution in terms of charitable fund raising. In addition, their campaign has raised awareness and had a positive impact in supporting individuals and families affected by dementia.

Jordan and Cian have provided inspiration to residents through their determination, resilience, selflessness and commitment to helping others. The recent homecoming celebrations and widespread community support demonstrated the pride and affection with which they have been received by the people of Redditch.

In light of the achievements set out above, Members are asked to RESOLVE as follows: -

1. That the service given by Cian and Jordan to the Borough is formally recognised and placed on record.
2. That the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer take the necessary steps to bring forward the required report and arrangements for a Special Meeting of the Council to be held in August 2026 to consider the formal conferment of the title of Honorary Freemen of the Borough on Jordan Adams and Cian Adams in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions”